## Saudis ban Thai workers after killings

## Royal Thai embassy expresses regret

RIYADH, Feb 3, (Agencies): Saudi Arabia took its angry reaction to the murder of three of its diplomats in Thailand a step further by

stopping the entry of Thai workers, a news-paper reported today.

Deputy Interior Minister Prince Ahmed Bin Abdul Aziz was quoted in the Saudi daily Al Jazira as saying that "the necessary measures for halting the arrivals of labour from Thailand were taken.

He described the murders as "a borrendous matter that has shocked and pained us all," adding that "King Fahd is deeply concerned about his sons."

There was no immediate first-hand confirmation of Prince Ahmed's statements.

The Royal Thai embassy said it had not been officially informed of the visa ban, but it issued a statement expressing "profound sorrow" over the assassinations and saying that painful as it is, the sad incident would not adversely affect the ties of friendship between Thailand and Saudi Arabia. "The Royal Thai embassy is keen to state

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that the incident will not harm the ties of friendship existing between the two countries," the statement said. It said the authorities in Bangkok were undertaking serious measures to uncover the

culprits and would present the assassins for

It offered condolences to the families of the

King Fahd received messages of condolences and condemnation of assassinations from King Hussein of Jordan and Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa of Bahrain

The coffins with the bodies of the three Saudi diplomats were flown in last night aboard a special Saudi jet ordered by the king. Later they were taken to their hometowns around the kingdom where Saudi princes led the funeral prayers.

The deputy governor of Riyadh. Prince Sattam Bin Abdul Aziz, who led an official delegation to the airport told reporters, these are three martyrs who died for their religion and homeland ... at the hands of evil."

They have been identified as second secretary and consular head Abdullah Abdul-Rahman Al Basri, 32, consular officer Fahd Abdullah Al Bahli, 35 and telex operator Ahmed Abdullah Al Saif, 26. One of the three was reported to have a pregnant wife.

Riyadh has already summoned the Thai ambassador to deliver a protest, warning that it will be forced to close its embassy in Bangkok if the Thai authorities cannot track down the assassins

Two Thais who had been convicted for murder and rape and were awaiting execution, were beheaded after this Friday's

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Bodies of Saudis killed in Bangkok arrive in Rivadh

## NEWSWATCH

#### Sri Lanka

ON the occasion of National Day of Sri Lanka, Arab Times has brought out a 6-page (11-16) supplement today.

#### Filipino Digest

THE Filipino Digest, which normally appears every Sunday, will be appearing tomorrow, Feb 5. Do not forget to buy your copy!

#### Front dissolved

BUCHAREST, Feb 3, (Reuter): The 145-member council of the National Salvation Front. Romania's provisional Parliament voted to dissolve itself today to open the way for a new multi-party body to take

Cazimir Ionescu, the council's vice-president, told a news conference the decision would not affect the front-appointed gover-ament, which would continue to rule until elections in May.

#### Jaffer dies

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ISLAMABAD, Feb 3, (Kuna): Ahmed E.H. Jaffer, a veteran parliamentarian and a close associate of founder of Pakistan Mohammed Ali Jinnah, died in a

this morning. His body was flown to Karachi for hurial. Jaffer was a leading business magnate of Pakistan and had also set up his husiness

#### houses in the Arah Gulf states. Gold aboard jet

KATMANDU. Feb 3, (UPI): Nearly 33 pounds (15 kg) of gold was found unclaimed aboard a Hong Kong Dragon Air aircraft soon after it landed today in the Nepalese capital from the island. customs officials at Katmandu airport said.

#### Artificial fur cap

NEW DELHIL Feb 3, (UPI): Prime Minister Vishwanath Pratap Singh has given up wear-ing authentic lambskin caps and switched to those made of artificial material following appeals from animal rights activists, the Press Trust of India said

today.

The Indian prime minister, in a letter to the chairperson of 'Beauty Without Cruelty,' a charitable trust for animal rights, said he has stopped using fur caps, the news agency reported.

#### indo-Nepai taiks

KATMANDU, Feb 3, (UPI): India and Nepai, enjoying a war-ming of relations under newly elected Indian Prime Minister V.P. Singh, have set a date for their first formal talks since the defeat of his predecessor Rajiv Gandhi, officials said today.

The talks, aimed primarily at ending indian sanctions on trade and transit that have contributed to serious economic problems in Nepal, will be held for two days beginning Feh 13 in New Delhi, the Nepalese Foreign Ministry

#### Weather

CLOUDY to partly cloudy weather with light north easterly wind changes gradually to moderate southeasterly wind and a slight chance for rain. State of sea: Moderate to rough High water: 6,50 am, 5,24 pm Low water: 12,00 pm, 11,41 noon Sunset: 5.28 pm Maximum temperatures recorded: Kuwait: 16°C 61°F

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his two small children with him. (Reular wirephoto)

## **Protest strike** shuts Srinagar

Pakistan to discuss situation

SRINAGAR, India, (Agencies): At least four people were killed yester-day in the Kashmir valley, including the first Hindu civilian, after an eight-day hull in violence, officials said.

Meanwhile, Pakistan will discuss the situation in Kashmir in two

separate meetings.
The latest deaths raised to 76 the number of people killed, including Muslims and ludian troops, since the government ordered a crackdown Jan 20 on the Muslim movement for secession of Kashmir region from northern Jammu-Kashmir state.

Kashmiri militants at first demanded union with Pakistan but recently they have demanded a separate neutral nation that if formed would be sandwiched next to India, Pakistan and China.

New Delhi has been accusing neighbouring Pakistan of fomenting the trouble in Kashmir. Islamabad has been denying the charges but the people of Kashmir had a right to self-

Last week's hitter trading of accusations culminated in increased Pakistani and Indian military

LONDON. Feb 3. (Reuter): Britain's Queen Elizabeth and Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands rub shoulders with a former lift girl and a five-year-old child in a new list of Europe's wealthiest women published today.

Queen Elizabeth's vast fortune, put at £5.3 billion (\$8.9 billion), also makes her the world's richest woman, according to Harpers

She owns 25 crowns and tiaras, strings of racehorses and a magnificent art collection. Her landholdings are vast and she owns shares put at £2.4 billion (\$4 billion).

Second on the list is Queen Beatrix, with £2.8 billion (\$4.7 billion), and third is Johanna Quandt who owns two-thirds of West Germany's BMW car company and lays claim to wealth of £2.1 billion (\$2.5 billion)

activities near their horder. "The Indian people and army are prepared to give a belitting reply" if islamabad wanted a confrontation said Prime Minister V.P. Singh in Calcutta, UNI reported.

In Srinagar, the largest town in Kashmir, Hindu businessman Satish Kumar Tikku was sbot and killed in the violence. Police sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Tikku was killed because the militants suspected him of being a police informer.

A government statement said militants and paramilitary federal troops exchanged gunfire in the old district of Srinagar, injuring two peo-ple. It also said two people who hurled a petrol bomh at a police hun-

ker were arrested. In the neighbouring town of Sopore, at least three people were killed when paramilitary police opened fire on a mob gathered in defiance of curfew restrictions early last morning, said police officials in Jammu, also speaking on condition

Ex-lift girl among Europe's richest women

of anonymity. The government today lifted its (Continue on Page 2)

# Shells rock Beirut

BEIRUT, Feb 3, (Agencies): Shells crashed into Beirut's Muslim and Christian sectors today, shattering a Vatican-brokered ceasefire between warring Christian forces only three hours after it went into effect.

Police said at least two people were killed and 11 wounded in the first burst of shelling at 4.15 pm (14.15 GMT). It targetted residential districts of Muslim West Beirut, outside the combat zone, and the capital's eastern sector.

That raised the overall toll to 154 killed and 597 wounded in the five-day showdown between renegade Gen. Michael Aoun's nearly 20,000 troops and the 6,000-strong A police spokesman said shells fell on the Christian district of Ein Al

Rummaneh, controlled by the Lebanese Forces, as well as the Lebanese Forces, as well as the nearby army-held neighbourhood of Badaro in East Beirut.

The spokesman said shells also crashed along West Beirut's seaside boulevard and the districts of Ain Mreisseh, Qantari and Zokak Blatt

at the rate of six per minute.

He said Aonn's gunners and
Lebanese forces militiamen were

involved, but it could not be deter-mined who provoked the barrage. Geagea, in an interview broadcast Lebanon radio, said his troops were

respecting the teasefire.
"My fighter's condition is excellent," Geages said.

Aoun's command, in a statement hroadcast by his Radio Lebanon said the general's positions were under shelling. The barrage also shocked hun-dreds of Christian civilians who used

the full that prevailed after the ceasefire went into effect at 1.15 pm (115 GMT) to cross to the west. The shelling, according to Associated Press photographer Ali Mohammed, did not target the mid-

city museum crossing which links Beirut's two sectors. "The sound of explosions scared off civilians who were crossing on foot to West Beirut, carrying bagloads of personal effects," be said.

behind sand barricades while others rushed toward West Beirnt as Aoun's soldiers cocked their guns in prepara-tion for a possible battle," Moham-

The dead today included photographer George Samarejian, 45, who worked for the independent newspaper An Nahar when he was shot in the head while covering the clashes in East Beirut on Wednesday. Samarejian, survived by a wife and University Hospital in West Beirut,

two days after brain surgery. After five days of fighting, the Lebanese Forces control 60 per cent

of the Christian enclave. At the start of the fighting each side controlled The US State Department said it held Aoun responsible for the resum-ption of fighting in the Christian areas and reiterated its demands for

Earlier today police said Aoun's forces stationed at Beirut's port and along half of Beirut's three-mile (five-km) dividing green line defected to Geages's militis.

him to step aside from power

That stripped Aoun of the Beirut port and his only docks, although he still controls several kilometres of coastline. The lack of a port could disrupt his supply lines, but both sides are believed to have months of ammunition stockpiled

Syria said today that Aoun was destroying Lebanon and appealed to East Beirutis to back President Elias

Fourth is Grete Schickendanz, owner of a West German mail order firm, with £1.2 billion (\$2 billion) and fifth is Liliane Bettencourt, part owner of the French L'Oreal cosmetics firm with £990 million (\$1.7 billion).

her boss at the age of 16 and inheriting a Scandinavian travel

## Aoun forces defect; 154 killed, 597 injured in fighting Lebanese Forces militia of Samir Geagea. The casualties included 20 killed and 75 wounded in West Beirut.

Civilians who had emerged from dark, waterless bomb shelters to inspect property damage were caught unprotected by the barrage.

The ceasefire was called by the Vatican through Papal Nuncio Pablo Puente and

Maronite Catholic patriarch Nasrallah Sfeir, who have worked repealedly to end the

"For the fourth time, we urge all parties to cease fire and put a final end to this bloody tragedy," Sfeir said in his appeal.

ANC to continue guerrilla attacks

## SA implements changes



Mandela with wife Winnie. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Egyptian husband staged accident in tug-of-love battle

MIDDLETOWN, Connecticut, Feb 3, (AP): An American woman believed that a bitter eustody battle ended last summer when she was told that ber busband and two children had died in a car accident in Egypt.

But now, five months later, US embassy officials and police in Middletown, Connecticut, say they believe Wendy Mousa's children are alive and her husband,

Gamal is living in the United States.
"It was an elaborate charade," said Cynthia Carroll, an aide to US Senator John Kerry, one of several people Wendy Mousa asked for help. "It's ridiculous. It really is." Mrs. Mousa, 29, said her husband may have engineered a hoax to end the pressure she had been putting on him since their custody battle began 18 months ago.

(Agencies): Long-silenced antiapartheid activists began speaking out and some blacks cefebrated today as the government implemented sweeping political changes announced by President F.W. de Klerk. Reaction in black townships

was subdued, with no celebrations in the largest black city. Soweto, home to 2.5 million peo-But about 8.000 people.

including many elders and children, crammed into a stadium in Alexandra, a township of more than 100,000 people near Johanneshurg, and chanted "Viva ANC" for the newly unbanned African National Congress while swaying to the rhythm of libera-The day before, De Kierk had

legalised the ANC, the main guerrilla group fighting white rule, and lifted restrictions on 60 opposition groups and 374 individuals,

The African National Con-(Continued on Page 2)





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# Indian atrocity

## Pak Parliament to meet

#### (Continued from Page 1)

curfew for a planned 12 hours, but a strike called by the militants kept many shops closed, witnesses said. The Jammu-Kashmir Liberation

Front called the strike by word nf mouth last night and early today, Srinagar shopkeepers told local jour-

Today's strike in Srinagar was in printest the Sopore deaths, shop-keepers inld Kaiser Mirza, a local journalist. The curiew relaxation began at 5 am (2330 GMT Friday) and was scheduled to end at 5 pm.

Mirza said most shaps did nat npen today morning when the curfew was lifted and the few shops that did npen soon put down their shutters when owners learned of the strike

It was not immediately clear if the shops were closed fearing attacks by the militants or in sympathy with the

separatist cause.
When curiew relaxations began a week ago, vegetable shnps and grocery sinres were crowded and streets were filled with people and

Today marning, small groups of men stood at the street corners but there was little traffic, Mirza said. Meanwhile, the government did nnt enforce an order expelling reporters for the Associated Press and Agence France-Presse from Srin-

agar.
The reporters, Dilip Ganguly of the AP and Anil Penna of AFP, were the last twn correspondents for foreign media in the city when they were ordered expelled by a Srinagar magistrate nn the grounds their presence was "prejudicial tn the security of the state."

Twelve penple were shot and wounded yesterday in a gunbattle between police and Kashmiri protesters trying tn march nn the Indian

consulate in Karachi, police said. Kashmiri protest leaders said police fired tear-gas and gunshots at a peaceful rally of 5,000 people protesting at New Delhi's crackd-

own in Kashmir. Police said some demonstrators armed with handguns attacked a traffic police kiosk and fired at two policemen, wouodiog them

Pnlice opened fire after tear-gas failed in disperse the crowd which threw stanes at police preventing them getting within 200 metres straturs hurned effigies of V.P.

The Pakistao gnvernment has invited heads of political parties represented in the Parliament and

promote "understanding and goodwill."

Islamabad international airport.

The spiritual leader of Anglicans world-

"It's the first time I've nearly been stran-

gled by kindness." Runcie said during a

wide bowed low to receive almost a dozen

traditional heart-shaped garlands during a red-carpet welcoming ceremony at

provincial assemblies to a conference

oo Kashmir tomorrow, sources said Convened under the direction of Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, it would be held at the prime

minister's house in Islamabad. Tn be held in camera it would also be attended by senior officials of the Fureign and Defence ministries, who wnuld give a comprehensive hriefing to the participants on the latest situa-tion in Kashmir.

There was no confirmed word as to who would preside over the meeting hut informed sources said that Benazir was keen to chair provided her doctors allowed her to do so. Otherwise her mother, senior federal minister Begum Nusrat Bhutto, who is currently acting as prime minister, was most likely to chair the impor-

Benazir is currently at home in Karachi recovering from the birth of her second child by a Caesarean operation in a Karachi hospital on

Pakistan's Presideot Ghulam Ishaq Khan has summoned a joint meeting of the Parliament on Feb 10, an official announcement said in lamabad this afternoon.

Members of the Senate, the upper house nf parliament, and National Assembly, the lower house, will debate the latest situation in Kash-

The Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) has accused New Delhi of using "blind repression" against Muslims in Indian-controlled Kash-

"The (Indian) police force ... did not flinch from using the most repre-bensible methods and repression," said ao OlC statement sent to

Reuters in Cyprus.

The OIC appealed to the Indian government to settle the crisis

"The general secretarial strongly denounces and condemns this blind repression ... and underlines the fuility of these attempts to deny ... the legitimate aspirations of the population of Kashmir by force," OIC said.

#### **Ghana executions**

ACCRA, Feb 3, (Reuter): Ghana executed nine armed robbers by firing squad today, the national news agency reported.

The nine men had donned fake

military uniforms to gain entry to homes and had killed some of their victims, who included businessmen, a bank manager and a naval officer, the Ghana News Agency (GNA) said.

understanding and peace

# OlC condemns Kashmiris flee from beatings

The first refugees to reach Pakistan from Indian-controlled Kashmir said that they fled their homes to

escape Indian beatings.

Nice Indian Muslims from a village near the ceasefire line that divides Indian from Pakistani Kashmir told how they and their families waded through deep snow at night to evade Indian patrols

A total of 36 men, women and children made the dangerous jnurney and more are expected in follow, said a top official in Bagh, a small town about 30 km (20 miles) from the line. "We were tortured by Indian authorities who accused us nf being used for carrying arms," said 25-year-old Abdul Hamid.

"These people used to come to our homes and take us in the police and military posts. There they beat us."

mation of their charges and only one man, Lauf Shah, could show a healing gash coone hand as evidence of ill

"They took me to a military post and they beat me with a bamboo stick," he said. "They were accusing me of helping the freedom-fighters."
Huddled under quilts in a draughty religious school in Bagh, Hamid and his fellow villagers said

their troubles began about three months ago as a Muslim rebellion flared in Indian Kashmir. More than 60 people died in antigovernment protests last week as India poured security forces into the nir valley to try to stamp out

The refugees left their isolated mnuntain village, Azad Barra, separately 12 days ago.

Kashmir may erupt like a volcano, warns Abdullah SRINAGAR Fel- 3, (Reuter): A Muslim separatist revolt has turned Kashmir into a volcano ready to

"We are sitting on a vulcano, and knowing whether it will simmer down or hlow up," said Farooq Abdullah, who resigned in anger when Delhi sent in a hardline governor two weeks ago to help quell the uprising in Jammu and Kashmir

erupt, the state's former chief minister said this

Last week, more than 60 people were shot dead in

After spending up to two days in the snowy forests they managed to slip across the ceasefue line only to be "I spent two days in the forest with my wife," Hamid said. "We made it by midnight through the forests.

interrogated by the Pakistani army

for five days to make sure they were

Kashmir's Himalayan valley, once a tourist haven, as Indian troops and militanis demanding independence or secession to neighbouring Pakistan bat-

tled for supremacy.
"I must have failed my people somewhere. I must be responsible," said Abdullah, whose administration was widely accused of corruption and incompetence in the face of a mounting secessionist cam-

Abdullah, twice chief minister of Kashmir, urged fresh elections in Iodia's only Mushim-majority

Because the snow was falling they

India accuses Pakistan of aiding

Positive steps

Madaziwe Mandele-Amuan, one of Nelson Mandela's roor dhubren, said on Friday the South African announcement of immirrent release of her father was a positive step but would be meaningless unless apartheid were dismantled.

Speaking at a news conference at the University of Massechusetts, the 35-

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year-old student said she welcomed the changes in her homeland announced

were not patrolling.

state to counter the militant campaign.

"You have to create confidence, bring your pride to down and say you made mistakes," he said in an 'ri interview. "Let the temperature come down and "! then hold free and fair elections."

Some Indian politicians said public opinion in C Kashmir was alienated by rigged state elections in 1987. That poll brought Abdullab's National Conference Party to power in a coalition with the Congress Party of then prime minister Rajiv Garage

> Fnreign Minister Sahabzada P Yaquh Khan said on Tuesday that il Islamabad would not compromise in its stand that Kashmiris should be allowed to choose their future in a of plebiscite.



Prolific painter

Sri Lankan painter Rex Morais puts the finishing touches on a 12 foot painting of the Hindu deity Ganesh. Although the dimunitive Morais was born with a hunched back he has done more than 10,000 paintings. (Reuter wirephoto)

#### Gunmen spray bullets at prayers

ISLAMABAD, Feh 3, (Kuna): Unidentified gunmen sprayed bullets last night on people coming out of a mosque in Nawab Shah in Sind province after saying prayers, killing two of them and injuring six others.

After the firing, the gunmen, who were riding a motor cycle, spedaway and could oot be traced.

The incident, first of its kind in Pakistan, sent a shock-wave in the town situated in the interinr of the troubled Sind province and its inhabitants today closed down all shops, and commercial and business centres

## Another coup man arrested

MANILA, Feh 3, (UP1): Government troops today arrested another leader of the bloody December coup attempt that nearly toppled President Corazon Aquino, officials

Criminal Investigation Service chief Brig. Gen. Pantaleoo Dumlao said Navy Commander Proceso Maligalig, 44, was arrested as he was driving his car through Manila. There had been a \$24,000 reward for

information leading to his arrest.

Maligalig is the fourth coup leader captured this month by Philippine authorities. On Jan 29, police arrested one of the rebels' top leaders, Brig. Gen. Edgardo Abenina, who had a \$47,000 price on his head, hut the instigator of the coup ex-army Col. Gregorin Honasan and his close aides are still at large.

Dumlao said Maligalig led mutin-

eers in a raid on the armoury of the logistics command where he was the operations chief at the height of the uprising. His immediate superinr Commodore Domingo Calajate is one of the key coup participants still

being hunted.

Maligalig was driving his car on a busy street in Manila when he was intercepted hy crack intelligence operatives, Dumlao said. He did not

"We have been following him for sometime," Dummlao said. "I guess today we were just backy." Maligalig told reporters he was on

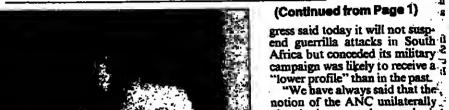
his way to ask for money from his friends when he was arrested. He said his family has been ordered to vacate his quarters in suburban Fort Bon-

## am excited: Helen

gunmen in its Jammu and Kashmir state with arms and training. Pakis-tan denies the charges but the row has

plunged relations to their lowest point since Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto took power in 1988.

## 8,000 rally in Alexandra



abandoning armed struggle is a out of the question," ANC infor- quanton chief Pallo Jordan told A reporters in Lusaka. Any ceasing of hostilities will have to be negotiated and will arise out of a mutually binding

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ceasefire," he said. Jordan described the guerrilla

campaign as part of the ANC's multi-pronged strategy to endir African government's apartheid system of racial separation.

"At particular times that aspect farmed struggle? The aspect farmed struggle? The aspect farmed struggle? The aspect farmed struggle? The aspects of the legalisation of the ANC, that probably offer aspects of our multi-property strategy will receive a much higher profile than in the past". higher profile than in the past," Jordan said.

The Alexandra rally originally o had been scheduled to protest to living conditions in the squalid township, and the protesters' marched to the local countil office and police station after the

Two hundred blacks, mostlyt children, gathered two hund later for a perfunctory rally ht a church in the largest black lowe ship outside Cape Town In the Natal provincial capital,

of Pietermaritzburg, 7,000 peostadium to protest a visiting,

English captain Mike Gatting and Ali Bacher, general manager of the South African Cricket Union, walked through a 100metre (yard) gauntlet of chanting protesters to collect a petition? from the organisers.

As they walked back members? of the crowd threw stones and soft drink cans at them, untill volunteer marshals stopped the abuse. No injuries were reported

De Kierk yesterday annound ced a moratorium on executions: and ended most emergency res-trictions on the press, while all-owing police to retain control! over photography and filming of political unrest.

Businessmen and sportsmen said they anticipated an easing of international sanctions and isolation of South Africa. For most South Africans,

there was no change in their lives, after De Klerk's historic speech

to Parliament. But for some, such as 84-year-old Helen Joseph, everything about everyday life was changed. She had been officially "ban-

ned," thereby restricted to the Johannesburg area and prohibited from meeting with more than a few people at a time or making public appearances. Her first interview in 30 years, appeared in the Star newspaper in Johannesburg.

This is a wonderful day. I ame

very excited about my personal freedom since I am no longer a listed person," said the wheel-chair-bound activist, an old friend of imprisoned black leader Nelson Mandela and the first white person ever placed under house arrest for anti-government

"Above all I am excited about the return of all my friends and comrades and all the exiles who will be coming back home, all my comrades who will be released from jail," she was quoted as saying.

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Runcie starts first visit to Pakistan to promote 'understanding, goodwill' ISLAMBAD, Feb 3, (AP): The Archbibrief arrival address to representatives of ing 700,000 Anglicans, Lutherans, Presshop of Canterbury Robert Runcie arrived yesterday on his first visit to this Pakistan's minority Christian community. byterians and Methodists. "I believe religious minorities can enrich Church of Pakistan Bishop Alexander varying religions. predominantly Muslim country to

the life of any nation, and that mutual Malik said "it's important for a small respect and tolerance between members of different faiths is essential to the well-being of international understanding and figure here like the archbishop. It demonstrates that we are part of the ecumenical peace," he said. "I hope my visit will promote such

Runcie's week-long visit coincidees with growing tensions between Pakistan's Muslims and India's Hindu majority. Runcie's host, the Church of Pakistan, is an interdenominational church represent-

Runcie said he wanted his visit to emphasize the need for dialogue between

"We should be talking to each other, s bonds of friendship together working together for human betterment,"

Runcie is to meet with Pakistan President Ghulam Ishaq Khan, although he declined to elaborate on the agenda of the talks.

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## "Mr F.W. de Kierk's speech today is a positive one and significant in many respects. In my view it is a landmark development and marks the beginning of a new dawn. I welcome this development and hope soon a new South Africa emerges where colour is a non-issua," she said. "But I must sound a note of caution here that the release of my father and the unbanning of ANC (African National Congress) will be meaningless unless it is accompanied by the total dismantling of apartheid and changes in the quality of life of all the opposessor accords of South Africa." of life of all the oppressed people of South Africa." Mandela, 71, has been jailed in South Africa since 1963 Mandela-Amuah said she had no plans to travel to South Africa for her tather's release, chiefly because of the expense it would impose on her as a doctoral candidate in anthropology. Sintelights ( ) Crucial ANC meeting: Leaders of the African National Congress (ANC) met in Sweden today to regroup and plan strategy for a new era in South Africa after their decades of exile and imprisonment. Joined by the head of the South African Communist Party (SACP), the nationalist leaders were deciding their response and political programme after South African President F.W. de Klerk announced that bans on both organisations were lifted. A statement issued on Friday in the name of ANC President Oliver Tambo, who is in a Stockholm rehabilitation clinic after a brain spasm last year, welcomed the lifting of the ban but said the measures did nnt go National executive committee member Pallo Jordan told reporters in Losaka today ANC would not halt its military campaign. He also ruled out an early rebasing to South Africa of the ANC headquarters in Activists urge US divestment: Though encouraged by political change in South Africa, American businesses are unlikely to alter investment policies towards the nation while US economic sanctions remain in force. Anti-apartheid activists, some of whom are trustees to billions of dollars in assets, said flatly yesterday that the sanctions, banning many forms of investment by US companies, should be upheld and that divestment should continue. divestment should continue. Since 1984, 200 American companies have quit South Africa, in part because of political pressure from anti-apartheid sharcholders and also due to the constraints of government-imposed economic sanctions. Friday's announcement by South African President F.W. de Klerk, who ended a 30-year-long ban on the African National Congress and said its leader, Nelson Mandela, would soon be released, could mark the beginning of a slow process of economic change. "This might start a chain of events that could eventually lead to the repeal of economic sanctions," said one American businessman, whose company still operates there. "This is the best thing that has happened in a while." a wine. Investors who have voted their shares to force firms to leave South Africa stressed there would be no change in their stance until black South Africans win full political rights. (Reuter) Editors delighted by lifting of curbs: South African newspaper editors expressed a sense of liberation after President F.W. de Klerk lifted some emergency curbs an the media. "Naw I can spend time in jaurnalism instead of in court," said Max de Prez, editor of the outspoken Afrikaans-language Vrye Weekblad (free weekly). Harvey Tyson, editor of South Africa's biggest daily, the Star, said: "Within minutes of Mr De Klerk's announcement we removed our frontpage reminder to readers that the Star is being produced under the severest restrictions..." "We substituted a panel under the heading 'De-censored,' telling readers that we no longer had to resort to devices, some of them probably illegal, to bring them the news." In a major reformist policy speech to Parliament yesterday, De Klerk said emergency media regulations imposed in 1986 and tightened in June

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SAN DIEGO: A San Diego company that advertises indoor nhouses in several magazines. mcluding one targeted at marijuana users, denied Friday it encourages the illegal cultivation of the drug. onic Industries Inc. II was eacting to news stories, including one by United Press International reporting it had been named iness of the year in

manufacturing by the Greater San Diego Chamber of Commerce. The stories ooted that the company's sole product is an indoor horiculture system advertised in several magazines, including the pro-marijuana High Times.
A statement by company
spokesman Dan Shahbazi claimed

the coverage was "irresponsible and highly biased." (UPI) MOSCOW: Rock carvings

depicting scenes from Vedic bymns, which date back to 25 centuries before Christ, have been found in a remote corner of Soviet Asia in the Tien Shan mountains, Tass said Thursday.

Thursday.

The agency said the most impressive depicted a tree of life with a buman figure and the sun and moon above. Others portrayed a bull, which symbolised the universe and the sun for many ancient peoples. Alisher Akishev, an archaeologist from the Kzakh Academy of

Sciences, said be thought the carvings were evidence that an

Indo-European people once lived in autheastern Kazakhstan. "An expedition of ours examined ais deserted region and discovered that it is a natural, mountain passage from Europe and Central Asia to eastern Turkestan, China and India. An offshoot of the great silk road traversed here," Akishev said. (UPI)

LONDON: A spectacular centennial production of the Russian opera "Prince Igor" won cheers at the Royal Opera House on Thursday night for everyone involved — except Romanian producer Andrei Serban.

There was loud booing from several parts of the capacity
audiance when Serban joined the
rest of the production team on stage
after a performance of Aleksandr
Borodin's opera
But Serban — who has lived in

exile for 20 years — simply smiled and blew the audience a kiss.

Covent Garden devotees said some people have not forgiven Serban for a lumbering production of Ladwig van Beethoven's "Fidelio" in 1986. The final "Fidelio" scene, with skeletons, black-winged angels park and death reapers oo stilts, drew laughs. (AP)

> ROME: Italian critics on Friday praised the newest film by Federico Fellini, "The Voice of The Moon," which opened this week in 170 cities throughout the country.
> Scores of film buffs lined up in front of theatres to see the late

work by the director of "La Dolce Vita," "8 1-2" and "Amarcord." The movie opened on Thursday.
The Milan-based daily Corriere
Della Sera described the film as

artistically superior, and professionally beyond reproach Fellini's 24th work, which is the quixotic tale of two lunatics wandering the Italian countryside, did not receive unanimous praise from its first audiences in the Italian capital, however. (AP)

DOMODOSSOLA, Italy: Gianfranco Coathai, a renowned linguist and Italian bierary critic, died Thursday night in his native Domodossola in northern Italy, news reports said. He was 78. Since last year, Contini has

them!

suffered from partial paralysis, but the cause of his death was not given. Contini was a professor of philology who gained world-wide recognition for his analysis of the biterary techniques used by such Italian masters of the past as Damte and Petrarch and for his critiques of

his contemporaries Contini began his career as a professor in West Germany at the University of Freiburg. He subsequently taught at the Universities of Pisa and Florence, where he had his bome. (AP)



## 30,000 served

More than 30,000 Soviets lined up on Gorky Street Wednesday to eat at Moscow's first and tha world's biggest McDonald's — and the record-breaking opening-day throng was served with courtesy that left them in

"Wa opened the doors and literally 500 people came through. It's going very exciting, ecstatic," said Georga Cohon, 52, president of McDonald's Canada, who worked 14 years to realise his dream of bringing McDonald's to Moscow. (Reuter wirephoto)

## PEOPLE AND PLACES



Royal smile

Princess Stephanie of Monaco and Andre (Princess Caroline's son) smiladuring tha opening of the 15th International Circus Festival while all the artistes celebrated the 25th birthday of Stephanie in Monaco on Feb 1. (Reuter wirephoto)



Marina weds

Marina Ogilvy, daughter of Princess Alexendra and Sir Augus Ogilvy, and Paul Mowatt after their wadding at the parish church of St Andrews, Ham., Surrey, yesterday. (Rauter wirephoto)

## 'Number of the beast'

## UK drops unlucky 666

LONDON, Feb 3, (AP): The number 666 has been dropped from British car licence plates because some believe it is a symbol of Satan, traffic authorities said

believe it is a symbol of Satan, traffic authorities said yesterday.

The decision followed several incidents in which drivers claimed to be jinxed by the 666 in their number plates, explained Jeff Mumford, senior executive officer of the policy branch of the government's Driving, Vehicle and Licensing Centre.

"It's not that we as an organisation give any credence to this, but we don't want to be inadvertently careful and distrement to record "he careful in the careful and the careful and

tly causing real distress to people," he said in a telephone interview from the centre's headquarters in

The belief that 666 represents Satan comes from Chapter 13, Verse 18 of the New Testmoot book of Revelation, which refers to "the number of the beast; for it is the number of a man; and his number is XIX hundred threescore and six." Among those who shun the number is Ronald

Reagan, who changed his California address from 666 to 668 St. Cloud Drive after leaving the White

A man from north Wales claimed that within one week his bouse was burgiarised, a garbage truck backed into his car and be was told his water supply was poisoned, said Mumford. The man blamed his

Then there was a lady who claimed the car actually took hold of ber and she couldn't control it. It reversed, mounted the doorstep and squashed her son's scooter. She said she stopped it only in time to prevent it crashing into the kitchen."

He also cited the case of a mother of a convicted derer who said her son was "a quiet, bome-loving " until his job required him to drive a van with 666

A recent television report featured a man who said be lost his family, home and business after buying a car with 666 in its licence plate.

war on drugs is "going from bysteria to ...absurdity."
Authoraties in areas where espectant mothers have been arrested say they're.

turning to criminal law as a last resort because nothing else worked in stopping the growing oumber of cocaine-addicted babies.

"When you have seen these children shake, it gets to you," said L(Stephian Banakas, oarcotics chief for the Pensacola police department. "If it's through arrest or the threat of arrests .... whatever it's taken to get people to take care of

The controversy has emerged from the growing use of crack cocaine around the nation, but mothers addicted to other drugs also have been charged. In Wyoming on Thursday, a judge dismissed a child abuse charge against a pregnant woman who drank excessively. The judge said the prosecutor did not establish that the woman's drinking habits injured her unborn baby.

More than 30 women have been arrested nation-wide since the first mother was convicted of delivering cocaine to ber newborn in central Florida last August, said Alisoo Marshall, a Washington, DC, lawyer.

Some police and prosecutors said the arrests are a way of forcing mothers of cocaine babies to get drug treatment. They contend that some pregnant addicts

are going straight because they fear prosecution.

But crackdown critics — they include the American Public Health Association, National Women's Health Network and National Organisation for

Womeo — say the arrests are doing more harm than good.

Some even say the arrests could encourage womeo to have abortions or result

#### American Cocaine war migrants From hysteria to absurdity policy PENSACOLA, Florida, Feb 3, (AP): Prosecutors in the United States are bringing charges against more and more pregnant women who take drugs, but a lawyer for one woman accused of delivering cocaine through the womb says the

in "trash can babies."

reversal WASHINGTON, Feb 3, (AP): Thousands of illegal aliens who are spouses or children of legalised immigrants will be allowed to stay in the United States under a new policy unveiled yesterday by the US lumigration Commissioner, Gene MeNary.

The new policy reverses a three-year-old practice of admitting only

year-old practice of admitting only those family members for "compell-

ing bumanitarian reasons.

McNary said the previous policy was not being administered evenhandedly by INS district offices and a

result spbt families. We can enforce the law bumanely," MeNary told reporters at a briefing. To split families simply cocourages further violation of the

law as they (illegal aliens) attempt to reunite," McNary said. Under the new policy, spouses and unmarried children of a legalised immigrant will be allowed to remain in this country if they resided here on Nov 6, 1986 — the day the Immigra-tion Reform and Coutrol Act took

The law granted blanket amnesty to illegal aliens who could prove they were residing in the country before

Jan 1, 1982 It also provided immigrant status to undocumented farm workers who could prove they worked 90 days picking crops in this country during

any of three years.

More than 3 million illegal aliens have been granted an amnesty under

The new policy effects the spouses and children of aliens who received legal resident status under the 1986 law. These people typically followed their relatives to this country but did

not arrive in time to qualify for amnesty and are still illegal alieus. Under the Reagan administration policy reversed by McNary, INS deported only a small number of people following case-by-case reviews of some 10,000 applicants.

#### Man charged in child porno case

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida Feb 3, (AP): Fourteen children have been identified by their parents in nude photographs seized from the bome of a day-care centre owner

charged with possession of child por-nography, police said.

John Shaver, 56, was charged with five counts of possessing child por-oography after the photographs and magazines were found at his home last Sunday. Police say they are con-sidering additional charges.

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## Beatles may unite again

McCartney said yesterday that there may be a reunion for the three surviving members of

McCartney told a news conference some form of collaboration was possible after the cooclusion of a 20-year legal battle over royalties between himself, former Beatles George Harrison and Ringo Starr and Yoko Ono, widow of John Lenon, who was shot outside his Manhattan home in December 1980.

There's a couple of projects that are possible," he said.

McCartney did oot provide specifics and he

did not say whether he had discussed the idea

of a reunion with Ringo or George.

McCartney, his wife, Linda, and a fourmember band are in Detroit to start the North Americao leg of a 1990 world tour, his first

On the tour McCartney has been playing some Beatle hits such as 'Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Baod" Let It Be for the first time



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## **Noriega** will be tried

MIAMI, Feb 3, (UPI): The Justice Department said it will treat deposed Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega as a prisoner of war, but asserted its right to try him on criminal drug charges in a civilian court.

The department filed a 40page response in Miami federal court yesterday to Noriega's claim that US district judge William Hoeveler has no jurisdiction over his case because he is a prisoner of war under the Geneva Convention.

"Nothing in the Geneva Convention provides any support for the contention that this court lacks jurisdiction to try the defendants on the criminal indictment pending against them," it said. "In fact, the Geneva Convention specifically contemplates that in appropriate circumstances prisoners of war may be prosecuted in the civilian courts of the detaining country."
Co-defendant Lt Col Luis Del
Cid also claimed protection
under the Geneva Convention because, like Noriega, he too surrendred after the US military

invasion in Panama Dec. 20. The motion said Del Cid, a former member of the Panamanian defence forces, would be afforded the same protection as Noriega, but that he also should not be permitted to escape prosecution on drug-related

Defence attorneys said they would not respond until they had thoroughly read the government

One of the defence claims involving the prisoner of war issue was whether Noriega was able to be prosecuted for crimes that occurred before the US

The defence claims the Geneva Convention prohibits criminal charges on crimes that occurred before an 'act of war'.

The government's response said the law clearly states that 'prisoners of war may be sentenced for offenses against the detaining power as long as the prisoners of war are subject to the same penalties to which members of the armed forces of the detaining power would be subject."

It did not grant prisoner of war status for either criminal defendant, but said the United States would extend the appropriate privileges to the men, whether either are found to qualify for PoW status by a world court.

the defendants' contention that the Geneva Convention bars this court from exercising jurisdic-tion over them," it said.

"Thus, even if Noriega and Del Cid are considered to be 'prisoners of war' within the meaning of the Geneva Convention, they are not entitled to dismissal of the charges against them.

The document said it was not necessary for Hoeveler to address the question of whether the Geneva Convention applies for two reasons. The first, it said, was that the United States has decided 'as a matter of policy' to give Noriega and Del Cid PoW protection.

Defence attorneys in challeng-ing Hocveler's jurisdiction over the case have declared that as a prisoner of war he should be sent to a neutral country or housed in PoW camp.
They said they had determined

that Noriega was a prisoner of war and it would be up to a world court to decide whether he should be stripped of that status. Keba Mbaye, vice-president of the International Court of Justice, said earlier this week that Noriega would not be able to petition the court privately. He aid the court can only handle 'disputes by states which are brought by states."

Mbaye, a native of Senegal who was in the Netherlands at the time, said the ICI's jurisdiction is valid only if both countries in a dispute accept the jurisdic-tion of the court.

He said the United States withdrew from the court's jurisdiction after a case several years ago between Nicaragua and the United States. There was no indication in Friday's document, signed by lead prosecutors Pat Sullivan and Myles Malman, that the US government was prepared to return to the World Court's jurisdiction in the Noriega case.

#### Heroin seized, 21 arrested in Spain MALAGA, Spain, Feb 3, (Reuter): Police in southern Spain have arrested 21 foreigners, most of them Turks, on suspicion of drugs smug-gling, local officials said yesterday. Police also seized 13 kg (28

counds) of heroin with an estimated street value of \$18 million, pistols and large quantities of cash, they

The 21 arrested included 17 Turks. an Iranian, a Yugoslav, a Durch and an Italian.

## PoW, but Body shape can help determine breast cancer risk

PHILADELPHIA, Feb 3, (AP): A new study indicates that weight distribution plays a role in the risk of breast cancer, with "apple" shapes having a greater risk than women with "Pear"-shaped

Women can gauge their risk of breast cancer by dividing their waist measurements by their hip measurements, researchers from the university of South Florida said in a study published in the Philadelphiabased Annals of Internal Medicine.

In a separate study, Texas researchers said they have identified an enzyme that may help predict which breast-cancer patients are most likely to suffer a relapse.

cause 44,000 deaths this year in the United States, The Florida study, led by David Schapira of the H Lee Mosfitt cancer

centre and research institute at the

at the hips and thighs. Breast cancer is expected to strike an estimated 150,000 US women and

University of South Florida, found that women who carry their weight around the middle are more at risk for developing breast cancer than those who bulge

"When we looked at women, obesity was not a factor. It's where you have the fat," Schapira said. "An overweight pear is still at lower risk than someone

leaner and apple shaped."
"This refines our information," said oncologist Dr Paul F Engstrom of the Fox Chase cancer centre. "Not all

obesity is the same."

Previous studies had established a link between obesity and breast cancer, but Schapira said this may be because women tend to gain weight in their

Fat cells in the upper parts of the body, he said, are larger and have a different metabolic and hormonal structure than those in the lower part of

The Florida team studied 216 breastcancer patients diagnosed from August

1987 to June 1988 and 432 healthy women. The subjects ranged in age from 25 to 83.

Breast-cancer patients had significantly greater deposits of upper body fat, plus greater waist-to-hip and abdomen-to-thigh ratios, researchers

Schapiro said women whose waist-to-hip ratio is 0.77 to 0.80 are classified as "mildly apple shaped" and are three times as likely to develop breast cancer,

a risk equal to having either a sister mother who had breast denote.

Women whose ratio is higher th 0,80 are "very apple shaped," Schape said, and are six times as likely. develop breast cancer, a risk equal having both a mother and sister w had breast cancer.

Ratios of 0.73 to 0.76 define a women as "mildly pear shaped," while women with ratios of less than 0.73 are "wo pear shaped" and at low risk of getting breast cancer, he said.

## Less meat, bikes, solar power the way

Firms offer levitated train: A Japanese rarass Otter levitated train: A Japanese firm told a state Senate committee Friday it is willing to pay for \$30-million-per-mile, magnetically levitated commuter rail line linking downtown Los Angeles, Orange County and the San Fernando Valley.

valley.

The firm, HSST Corp., in exchange would receive rights of way and an exclusive agreement to operate the rail line, general manager Eiji Ikeda told a joint hearing of the Senate transportation and appropria-

Ikeda said a five-mile (8-km) demonstration project along the Santa Ana freeway in Orange County could be ready to operate within 18 months of approval. The trains, running along three free-ways, eventually could transport millions of comsters each year to and from urban centres and Los Angeles international and John Wayne airports.

Man arrested in extortion: A zoologist accused of unleashing a computer virus that crippled computers in England and other countries two months ago has been arrested on a fugitive warrant in

Joseph W. Popp was arrested Thursday and is being held on a federal fugitive warrant. He is char-ged in warrants issued by Scotland Yard in London with blackmail and extortion.

During an initial court appearance in Cleveland on Friday, Popp, 39, told US magistrate Joseph W. Bartunek that he is under a psychiatrist's care and must take drugs for a mental condition.

Virus plagues data: The Census Bureau has asked libraries across the United States to destroy computer disks that contain a destructive programme dubbed the "Israeli virus," government officials said Friday. Isn Erickson of the Government Printing Office

said 350 floppy disks contaminated with the "Israeli virus," also called the Jerusalem-B, were sent out Jan 26 to libraries along with the Census Bureau's
"county and city data book" computer data disk.

The data book wassent to major libraries for use as
a reference tool, and has nothing to do with the 1990
census, said Jim Gorman, a Census Bureau spokes-

Muslim Khalifa stabbed: Tucson police said a controversial Muslim leader who was found dead in a mosque Wednesdayhad been stabbed many

Police said they did oot find a knife but did find a .22-caliber handgun underneath the body of Rashad

"We think it was his," said homicide Sgt. Charles
Armijo. "He must have had it with him."
Tucson police chief Peter Ronstadt said investigators had been able to determine why Khalifa was killed.

Man sets sou on fire: A man who was paroled after setting his son on fire seven years ago said through a spokesman Thursday he will honour the

ts that he stay away. Charles Rothenberg was paroled from a 13-year prisoo sentence in California on Jan 24. After his release, he said he wanted to be reunited with his son, David, who was six at the time his father set fire to his

However, the badly disfigured boy, now 13, said at a news conference last week be wished his father could be jailed for life, and would never forgive him.

Liquor consumption low: Americans drank less liquor last year, continuing a decade-long trend, and wine consumption dropped for third straight year, an industry group reported Friday.

Changing lifestyles, concerns about health and published to the declines, according to the Johson

contributed to the declines, according to the Jobson Beverage Alcohol Group, which publishes an annual

Consumption of distilled spirits dropped more than 2 per cent in 1989, to 141 million cases. Liquor drinking peaked at 166 million cases in 1979 and has dropped 15 per cent in 10 years.

Priest plans for church: A renegade priest, suspended last year forming an independent black Cathobe parish, will be automatically ex-communicated if he carries out a plan to start a church which would renounce Rome and admit women as priests, church officials said on Friday.

The reverend George Stallings of Washington disclosed his plans on Thursday night during a speech at Depaul University in Chicago and during an interview on a TV talk show.

## Latin America

Duarte asks doctor to let him die: Former Salvadoran president Jose Napoleon Duarte, terminally ill with Gancer, has asked his doctors to let him die, his personal physician said on Thursday.
"During his illness I have never seen Duarte as depressed as he is today. He refuses to take medica-

tion and does not want to eat or to talk," said Dr Jose Luis Saca, Duarte's personal physicism.

Io a 'telephone interview with United Press International, Saca said Duarte told him: "It does not make sense to go on living this way, and that be preferred that we let him die." (UPI)

US general removed for opposing: The former head of US military forces in Panama and Central America said Thursday be was removed less than three mooths before "Operation Just Cause" for his opposition to the Panamanian invasion. Retired Army Gen. Fred F. Woerner said he step-ped down on Oct 1, 1989, as commander of the US Southern Command for "political reasons."
"President George Bush preferred to have

NEW YORK, Feb 3, (AP): In the drug trade, they're

known as swallowers or mules — drug carriers who ingest condoms packed with cocaine or heroin. Federal auth-

orities weren't surprised that two turned up among the

"I wouldn't be surprised if more turned up," said Tony Contorno, supervisory US customs inspector at John F.

Kennedy International Airport. "My first thought was

how many internals would turn up on the flight."

Authorities say the use of mules is on the increase,

mostly among Colombians bringing in cocaine and West

Africans transporting heroin.
In the past four months, 59 swallowers carrying 95

survivors of Avianca Flight 52.



Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega, with a young supporter at his side, campaigns for the upcoming presidential elections in Jinotega, a mountain city, north of Managua, Elections are to be held on Feb 25. (Reuter wirephoto)



Shooting class

Students at the Self-Defence Academy assume a shooting stance as an instructor aids them in Rlo de Janeiro on Jan 31. More and more Brazillans are attending classes at such schools as violent crimes in the city increase. (Reuter wirephoto).

someone who not only supported the measure bin who could believe in it." Woerner told Utah State. University international relations students. (UP)

Panamanians doubt: A pullout of remaining US invading forces by month's end is premature, say some Panamanian officials, adding that the new police force is not ready to provide the security the country needs.

who said they feel safer with the US presence. But their fear may be unfounded.

Maj. Gen. Marc Cisneros, commander of the US Army South, the US ground forces in Panama, told a

group of Latin American observers on Thursday: There is oo threat of subversion to worry about."

Garcia's change of heart: President Alan Garcia announced on Friday in Lima, he will attend the Feb 15 Cartagena, Colombia, cocaine summit he had threatened to boycott because of the US invasion Garcia said his change of heart followed President

George Bush's State of the Union statement on Wednesday night that US troops sent to Panama for the December 20 invasion would be removed by the and of February.

Bush's announcement "removes one of the fundamental obstacles that made our presence in Car-tagena difficult," the Peruvian President said and means be will join with Bush, President Virgilio Barco of Colombia and Bolivian President Jaime Paz Zamora in the Colombian resort city meeting. (UPI)

Brazilian singer boycotted: Government officials and anti-racism groups said on Wednesday they plan to seek UN sanctions against a popular Brazilian singer who gave a concert in Johannesburg in defiance of a UN ban on cultural exchanges with

Joan Romao, president of the Institute of Black Culture, said 10 groups led by the International SOS racism organisation also have asked the United Nations to include Brazilian singer Joana on a list of people who have defied the 1968 UN ban.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Brazilian authorities plan to make a similar appeal to the UN in the next few days. He said authorities would also study whether or not Joana should be subjected to additional sanctions, such as a public denunciation "that would tarnish her image." (UPI)

UN mediation ruled out: Salvadoran President Alfredo Cristiani said on Friday he is ready to negotiate with leftist rebels in the Central American country but ruled out direct UN mediation, saying the talks "have to be between Salvadorans."

Cristiani, who appealed to congressional leaders on Thursday not to cut military aid to El Salvador, said UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar has agreed only to talk with rebels of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, or FMLN, to try to bring them to the bargaining table.
"I don't think the FMLN should continue to insist

on what the role of the secretary-general is if he continues to go by what besees as the role, dictated by s UN resolution Cristiani said at a National Press Club conference. (UPI)

pounds (43 kgs) of drugs have been arrested at Kennedy,

Contorno said. During the 12 months before that, there were 110 arrests with 155 pounds (70 kilogrammes) seized. Most of them carry drugs more than 90 per cent pure,

"We've seen a definite increase," said Drug Enfor-cement Administration spokeswoman Mary Cooper, who estimated every Colombian flight included three or four

swallowers. "It's a pretty common practice. We've seen it

Some of the stories are mind-boggling. Several years ago, a man was found with 445 condoms in his system; last year, a man loaded with 4.6 pounds (2 kilogrammes) of

## tal degradation and economic decline will be feeding or each other, causing social structures to disintegrate," said institute president Lester **US** jets look for

BOGOTA, Feb 3, (UPI): Two US Drug Enforcement jets have been flying reconnaissance flights over abian territory since Wednesday looking for secret airports and hidden drug cartel planes pos-sibly armed with anti-aircraft mis-

Two weeks ago the American CBS television network reported US secret service agents were investigating reports the notorious Colombian drug cartels were smrggling SA-7 shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles into the country to shoot down Air Force One carrying President Bush to

One carrying President Bosh to Cartagena for the Andean drug summit in February.

The reports were later denied by both the Colombian government and the US embassy in Bogota,

Earlier this week the board's operation whereast the Hights. zalez, authorised the flights, refuelling and maintenance stops at national airports for the US Drug Enforcement Administra-

A spokesman for the US ssy in Bogota confirmed the flights but would not give any

details on their minion.

The US planes, which can fly at altitudes up to 40,000 feet (12,000 m) speeds of 250 knots (460 kph) per hour, are equipped with high-powered spy cameras that can capture images from high altitudes without being detected by radars, the aeronautics official said.

Bush is to arrive Feb 15, and will be flown by helicopter to Mazan-illo island, in the day off Cartagena, for the meeting with the presidents of Colombia, Bolovia and possibly Peru to put together a bemispheric drug strategy. Last week some 5,000 security

agents began prowing the streets of the Caribbean port city to prevent a possible drug cartel attempt to sabotage the summit during Bush's five-bour visit. A Defence Ministry official

of routine efforts to spot cla time drug trafficker airstrips, though this time he said they were searching for planes possibly equipped with missiles.

the blindfolded, builet-riddled bodies of 10 men and a woman some 25 miles (40 km) outside of Bogota, a radio station reported.

unidentified, were found in Guayabetal, Cundinamarca state, while four others were discovered in nearby Chirajara, RCN radio said.

Investigators were dispatched to the area to identify the victims, who were apparently bound by their captors and then shot with 9 mm bullets.

## For a safe eco-future Such declarations are not new for Brown, whose group has been predicting a dire fate in annual reports since 1984, and who is known for commut-ing via bicycle in a city where luxury cars are

This year's report devotes its final chapter to a

detailed description of the "sustainable society" of tomorrow that Brown said is the earth's last chance. "A sustainable society is one that satisfies its needs without jeopardising the prospects of future generations," the Worldwatch report said. It is filled with images of electricity-generating windmills in Northern Europe, of solar was heaters meeting every household's needs, and hydrogen-powered cars and human-powered bic cles filling city streets.

Reducing dependency on fossil fuels will be forestall global warming caused by the atmospheracumulation of carbon dioxide and other gas which threatens to wreak havoe in world agriculture. ture, Worldwatch said.

Also, it said people in developed countries n get used to eating less meat as the food demands of a growing population will make it more difficult to use grain for feeding livestock or poultry.

## cartel missiles

meal in every pot, a solar heater on every roof and a

bicycle in every garage are imperatives for a ecologically safe future, the Worldwatch Institute

environmental group said today.

In its "State of the World" report for 1990, the Washington research group said a world dedicated to recycling, food and energy efficiency and slow population growth must be built within 40 years if

modern civilisation is to survive.

"If we have not succeeded by 2030, environmen

siles, a civil aeronautics board official said yesterday.

tion's turbocharge the board reported.

"It's a security mission to try to identify the airports and verify if on those planes there are mis firing apparatus," an acronautics official said.

told reporters the flights were part

Authorities Friday discovered

Seven of the victims, so far

Use of mules as drug carriers on the rise among Colombians and West Africans

cocaine was arrested. Customs agents spent 23 days at the

hospital with one suspect until he passed all the drugs be

The carriers are likely able to swallow such large

amounts by anesthetising their throats and sliding the condoms down, said Dr Faroque Khan, chairman of the department of medicine at the Nassau county medical

"This is the hardest method for us to detect. And the cople involved are becoming a little more sophisticated,"

said Contorno, one of 60 customs agents checking out an average 100 international flights each day. Many of the

mules make multiple trips carrying drugs, officials said.



Alone farmhouse is swamped in Worcestershire, England. after 24 hours of rain caused rivers to flood the area. More rain and gales are on the way as families fight to mop up

the damage.

A violent windstorm gusting at up to 104 mph (168 kph) and disrupting air and rall traffic, authorities said. At least five people were killed during the tempest that forced air traffic controllers at Paris' Orly and Charles de

that the length of a legoligi Gaulle airports to suspend virtually all departures. Railroad links from Paris to the northern region of Brittany and on the outskirts of the northeastern city of Troyes were cut after overhead electrical cables and trees fell onto the tracks. The Paris Gare Saint-Lazare railroad station was closed to traffic last afternoon.

The dead included two people in the Val de Mame area a woman crushed by the roof of her home and a man killed by a falling fence. (Reuter wirephoto)

## **Bomb-sniffers** are unreliable

## Plastics can't be detected

WASHINGTON, Feb 3, (AP): A new device designed to detect plastic explosives in airplane lug-gage is deficient and probably could oot have discovered the bomb which destroyed Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, members of a Presidential Terrorism Commis-

sion said yesterday.

Panelists at a hearing of the presidential Commission on Terrorism Aviation Security and Terrorism sharply questioned plans by the Federal Aviation Administration to require the airline industry to buy hundreds of the bomb detecting devices, complaining that they have not been adequately tested.

But Monte Belger, the FAA's associate administrator for aviation standards, said he believes the sophisticated detection device is the best of its kind in the world, has been adequately tested and should be deployed.

In a three-hour hearing, the commission also was told that the device — which employs a technique called thermal neutron analysis, or TNA - will cost far more than original estimates of between \$700,000 to \$1 million

Belger said the first five TNA machines actually will cost a total of \$15 million or about \$2.5 million each because of the rush nature of the order. A TNA system is at work inspecting baggage at Kennedy international airport in New York. A second system was installed at Miami international airport last week and is being calibrated. A third is to be installed at Gatwick airport near London next month, and site planning is under way to place one at Washington Dulles international airport.

"I think there is a lot of film-flam going on," said US Senator Alphonse d'Amato, a commission member. "The TNA looks good but it does not do what it is supposed to do. Congress has been sold a bill of goods... Investigators believe the Lockerbie crash on Dec 21, 1988, was caused by leas than a pound (half a kilo) of plastic explosives secreted inside a portable tape

player. The crash killed 259 people aboard the Boeing 747 aircraft and 11 people on the ground. Science magazine, which first reported in August that the TNA machines would not be able to detect a Lockerbie-sized bomb. said the devices are being set at a sensitivity that will detect about

2.5 pounds (one kito) of The TNA machines use neutrons - a type of subatomic particle - to probe luggage for the presence of nitrogen, a major component of explosives.

Potential swallowers are identified by customs agents

through questioning, said Contorno. They are then taken to hospitals for X-rays. Contorno said the agents' success rate is 65 per cent to 70 per cent.

The use of mules was splashed across newspapers and

The two - Jose Orlando Figueroa, 3t, and Antonio Zaluaga, 46—remained under police guard Wednesday at two hospitals, Both will be arrested on drug charges upon

their release from the hospital, said Nassau county police spokesman officer James Higgins.

television after last week's Avianca crash on Long Island, when two of the surviving passengers attracted police

## risk to cancer

WASHINGTON, Feb (Reuter): A US government advisory panel has dismissed fears that long-term use of a combination hormone therapy widely used by post-menopausal women might lead to a sig-nificant increase in the risk of breast cancer.

The Food and Drug Adminis-tration (FDA) fertility and maternal health drugs advisory committee has concluded unanimously that the available research data does not show that taking a combination of proges-tin and oestrogen alters the risk of breast cancer in post-menopausal women.

A study published in the pres-tigious New England Journal of Medicine in August claimed that the drug combination increased breast cancer risk four-fold, particularly for women who used it for 10 years or more.

Other, earlier studies had sug-gested the therapy might actually decrease the risk of breast cancer.

Oestrogen is increasingly prescribed for post-menopausal women overlong periods of time because of its ability to preven-osteoporosis and because recent studies have shown it to protect against heart disease.

It has also long been used in short-term therapy to relieve symptoms of menopause such as hot flashes and night sweats.

The advisory committee, dur ing a two-day meeting at FDA headquarters which began on Thursday, noted that some studied have found that ocstrogen therapy alone may sligh-tly increase the risk of breast can

cer with long-term use. It also noted studies demonstrating that adding progestin to oestrogen therapy lowered the risk of uterine cancer.



## Hormone allayed



West German firemen digging out a car crushed in the accident (Reuter wirephoto)

## Train crash kills sixteen

Collision in W. Germany

RUESSELHEIM, West Germany, Fcb 3, (UPI): Two com-muter trains collided killing at least 16 people and leaving 86 in the worst railroad train for 15 years in West Germany, police and railroad officials said today.

They said several of the 35 people who said several of the 35 people who was the said several of the 35 people who said several of the 35 people w

ple who sustained serious injuries were in a critical condition this morning, about 15 hours after the crash occurred.

Regional government officials today thanked United States army troops from nearhy harracks, who rushed to the scene of the accident with stretchers and first aid kits and joined rescue teams.

Railroad officials said the crash occurred after the driver of a train heading for Frankfurt ignored a stop signal and ram-med into an oncoming train just to outside the Ruesselheim station, to in central Germany.

Hc said it was not immediately clear why an automatic device as train after it passed the signal did

not function. The first cars of each train smashed into each other. One Ctrain derailed and several cars crashed onto a parking lot, cru-shing several automobiles.

The officials said that the accident occurred during rush hour and that both suhurban commuter trains were packed to

capacity: Rescue teams found 16 dead and about 86 injured under the wreckage, including one of the train drivers, the officials said.

"I heard noise like an explosion," said 34-year-old Holger Schmidt who was in a botel room about 30 yards

"As I looked out the window I saw that one of the cars was standing vertically in the air and fell slowly on its side," be said. "After the first awful secood

(metres) away when the crash

there was a deadly silence, then a man came crawling out of a car, his head bleeding heavily," Sch-

"Within seconds neighbours came streaming oot of their houses to help the wounded," be

Officials said the damage would total several millioo deutschmarks (dollars).

They said the crash was the worst in West Germany since two trains collided in soothern

the house just dissolved. But its bold on power will Germany, in June 1975, killing almost certainly be weakened by the opposition majority in the upper house, which can block 41 people and leaving more than 100 seriously injured.

## Turkey expels Greek diplomat

## Tit-for-tat

vi ANKARA, Feh 3, (Reuter): In Turkey today ordered the tit-forstat expulsion of a Greek no diplomat in a row over Greece's Muslim minority that threatens

to shatter rapprochement bet
cei ween the long-time foes.

A Foreign Ministry official

Cisaid the Greek Consul-General in Istanhul, Elias Klis, would have to leave if Athens confirmed Is it had ordered the expulsioo of a ""Turkish diplomat based in the Alloortheast Greek town of

-n:Komotini. Greece said yesterday it was -25 ordering out Consul-General lo Kemal Gur from Komotini, terwhere 19 people were injured in baclashes between Christians and

nt "If the Greek side communicates to us officially its decision to order out our diplomat, then the Greek Consul-General in Istanbul will be declared persona non grata," the Foreign Ministry

-23 official said. lee The semi-official Anatolian omnews agency earlier quoted gro Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz 135 as saying Klis would have to 135 leave Turkey today.

Greek Foreign Minister Bi Antonis Samaras said in Athens that Gur would be expelled because Ankara insisted on describing the Muslim minority in western thrace as "fellow countrymen" and "citizens of Turkish

Origin."
Greece describes the 120,000 Muslims in the region, under Ottoman rule until 1913, as Greek Muslims.

The row has forced ties bet-ween the Nato neighbours to their lowest level since they nearly went to war over Aegean Sea rights three years ago.

It also appears to have shattered, at least temporarily, rap-prochement that began io 1988 after decades of enmity. One of the main disptues is Turkey's 1974 invasion of Cyprus.

European diplomats said they thought the latest row would not get out of hand.

"We are not getting overly worried about it. We are not writing alarming telegrams bome. one said

Turkey earlier this week rejected a request by Athens to withdraw Gur and said it hoped any misunderstanding over words used to describe Muslims in Greece could be dispelled.

## \*Pardon for 7 Basque men

-131 MADRID, Feb 3, (Reuter): The Spanish government pardoned seven At jailed Basque separatists yesterday, resuming a long-interrupted policy mo of granting amnesty to extremists who give up armed struggle, state

The six men and one woman, who were held in separate prisons diagrams Spain, had forsaken violence, the television said. It gave no analysis of the crimes for which the former ETA guerrillas had been convicted nor their sentences.

Government officials could not be reached for comment.

ETA has strongly opposed the policy of individual pardons and in part 1986 killed one of its former leaders, Maria Dolores Gonzalez Catarain, who had taken up the offer and returned home to the Basque country from exile in France.

## Japan domestic issues in spotligh

TOKYO, Feb 3, (APt A three-hour verbal scrimmage between conservative Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu and opposition leaders yesterday made one thing clear — while trade problems are important, domestic issues are domin-

aring Japan's political spotlight.

Kaifu and leaders of four major opposition parties spoke at length during the televised campaign debate on how Japan should handle relations with the United States and how to respond to democratic reforms in Eastern

All agreed on the importance of dealing effectively with trade tensions and continuing economic reforms aimed at making the economy less dependent on exports. They

poro, Japan's oorthernmost hig

But he said leaders of the four

oppositioo parties, who faced

him in a long television debate yesterday, offered oo alternative to the LDP.

"The opposition criticised the tax heavily," Kaifu said. "But I

asked them time and time again

to offer solutions, and they had

He said the sales tax "is vital to support Japan's quickly ageing society ... I'm sure your pensioo

The prime minister, installed

by party elders after scandals

tainted major LDP figures last

year, flew to Sappore after open-

ing his election campaign at a

Doi, the forceful chairwoman

of the Japan Socialist Party

(JSP), launched her campaign

three stations away on the same

line, urging Japanese to repeat

last year's opposition victory in

the upper bouse election.

"We must force the LDP ioto a
minority in the lower house as
well: We must thoroughly
change politics," Doi said. "We

must move the mountaio again."
A crowd of about 2,000 waved

JSP-printed banners reading:

Political analysts expect the

LDP to cling to a slim majority in

the 512-seat lower house, per-

baps with the support of

independents. It had 294 seats in

Results of the election, in

which 90 million people are eligi-hle to vote, will be known early

"Abolish the sale tax."

Tokyo railway station.

nothing constructive to say.

fund is a big concern to you."

disagreed oo what concessions Japan should make. But they clashed most resoundingly on domestic issues. Kaifu, 59, stressed that the United States was also making concessions to ease hilateral friction as he defended his Liberal Democratic administration's trade

Leaders of the centrist Komeito (Clean Government Party) and Democratic Socialist Party also voiced a conciliatory stand

appropriate, "said Komeito chairman Koshiro Ishida, 59.
"We should base our relations on the assumption we are

"I think what the United States asks of Japan is quite partners or friends with each other," said 72-year-old Democratic Socialist leader Etcht Nagasue.

But Takako Doi, chairwomao of the No. 1 opposition Japan Socialist Party, said Japan should steer a more independent course

Ms Doi, 61, said US-Japan relations were "very important but difficult."
"Previously, our bilateral relations were given too much importance," she said. "Now they should be viewed in a

Japan should fulfill its promises of economic restructur-

ing but should make an exception for farm trade, Ms Doi Communist Party chairman Tetsuzo Fuwa, also called for more independence in foreign policy issues The 60-year-old communist leader said Japan should withdraw from multilateral talks under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade if the trade watchdog

insists on opening Japan's rice market to imports The four opposition leaders really clashed with Kaife in the domestic arena, where an unpopular sales tax and a series of scandals, along with liberalisation of farm trade. cost the Liberal Democrats their upper house majority in

A major influence-buying scandal forced Noboru Takeshita to resign as prime minister last spring and raised calls for political reforms to clean up money politics.

## Sales tax to stay

Kaifu defends party policy

SAPPORO, Japan, Feb 3, (Router): Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu, fighting to save his party's 34-year hold on power in elections this month, defended a resented sales tax today as a vital pension fund for an

ageing population.

Opposition Socialist leader Takako Doi opened her campaign by urging supporters to "move the mountain" and sweep Kaifu's weakened Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) out of government in the vote on

The LDP has governed Japan since 1955 and presided over the country's spectacular growth ioto the

world's second biggest ecocomy.

But the Recruit hribery scandal and the three per cent sales tax have cut its support.

It lost control of the upper house of parliament in a historic election defeat last year. And the fight is now oo for the more powerful lower house, which controls the gover-

Sect leader to run in polls "This is going to be a very severe election." Kaifu told more than 1,000 flag-waviog suppor-ters in the snowy streets of Sap-

After power

TOKYO, Feh 3, (Reuter): A controversial Buddhist sect leader who claims to have the power of levitation is hoping to use his popularity among young Japanese to win a seat in Parliament.

Hundreds of Shoko Asahara's followers have taken to the streets to campaign for the pudgy 32-year-old, who also says he can mediate for hours underwater without hreathing.

"When I joined the Aum sublime truth, I finally found what I had been

pursuing," one 24-year-old sect member said. "Here, you feel purified. Have you not noticed how people who join even start to look younger?"

The sect, launched by Asahara in 1986, claims about 4,000 members and says it helped 200 people reach enlight enment last year through training that includes

oga, meditation and psychic power. Critics have accused the long-haired, long-bearded Asahara of luring thousands of young Japanese away from their families.

"When they are adults and have decided to join the religion, there is little we can do," said lawyer Hidehito Kageyama.

"But teenagers have also joined in ..."

An official of the sect denied press reports that its mediation course costs as much as one million yen (\$7,000) per person and that it requires members who cannot pay to work on its behalf.

"There is an incredible misunderstanding about the offerings," the official said. "We never ask people to give money. It's all voluntary."

The sect burst into prominence late last year after a lawyer who had fought

against it suddenly disappeared, along with his family.

Despite efforts by the national police and lawyers around the country, no trace has been found of 33-year-old Tsutsumi Sakamoto, his wife and their baby son since they vanished from their home in Yokohama, outside Tokyo, over two

Police said they found a badge of Asahara's sect on the floor of Sakamoto's empty house, Sakamoto had been working since last May with parents whose children had

joined the sect and cut off cootact with their families, Kageyama said.

Asahara repeatedly appeared on television to deny the sect's involvement in

the case and accused the press of irresponsible speculation.

The number of people seeking to contact their children in the sect jumped to over 80 from about 10 after the media began to report on the group's activities, said Takeshi Ono, a lawyer and friend of the missing Sakamoto.

## Attack on Kim office

was injured and a police car gutted yesterday when radical students armed with firebombs attacked an office of former opposition leader

Kim Young-Sam, police said.

Kim's party has agreed to merge with President Roh Tae-Woo's governing party, police said.
Police said an officer guarding the office in Kim's hometown of Pusan suffered burns in a firebomh attack

early yesterday. Yonhap, the South Korean News Agency, said about 50 studeots rushed out from alleys shouting slogans and hurling firebombs at Kim's office and a nearby police

guard post.

Kim's office, its windows protected hy wire mesh, suffered no damage, hut the police post and a police car were set ahlaze. Yonhap said. Police arrested two attackers, i

The students denounced the new party being formed by Roh's party and two moderate opposition groups as a "deceitful" alliance of con-

Roh's Democratic Justice Party was dissolved Thursday at a national convention attended by about 6,000

delegates,
Io a move unprecedented in South
Korea's constitutional history, Roh
announced last week that his party will merge with the nation's second and third opposition groups in a bid to end faction-ridden politics and achieve political stability.

Kim Young-Sam's Reunification Democratic Party announced its dis-solution Monday. So far, at least five of RDP lawkers and followers opposing the merger have vowed to form an independent opposition

group, Dissidents and radical students called the merger a scheme by a military clique to prolong its power.

On Thursday, about 20 dissident groups, including associations of radical students and hard-line labour unions, joined forces to launch a civil drive against the merger.

## Last rebel base falls **Burma onslaught**

RANGOON. Feh 3, (AP): Burmese troops yesterday seized one of the few remaining bases of the Karen rebels and also captured a base controlled by Kachin insurgents, a government spokesman said.

Troops captured the Karen base of Waley, defended by 600 guerrallas, after

beginning a two-prooged attack eight days ago, said Col, Than Tun, spokesman for the military government. Waley, near the Thai border some 175 miles (280 kms) east of Rangoon, was

one of the few remaining hases on the frontier controlled by the Karens, an ethnic group that has fought for more than 40 years against central control. Nine rebel bodies were counted, while the only casualty on the government side was one soldier wounded. Than Tun claimed.
Thai border patrol police confirmed that Waley had fallen, but said the only

casualties were two Thai villagers who were seriously wounded in crossfire.

The Thai police said the rebels abandoned Waley at midday and retreated northwards after three hours of heavy mortar bombardment. The Thai sources said 1,000 Burmese troops had attacked the camp.

On Jan 31, government troops also captured a camp of Kachin rebels to an area called Monghaw to northeast Burma, Than Tun said. The camp was about 19 miles (30 kms) from the Chinese border, he said.

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# Kosovo unrest

Police accused of using 'state terrorism'

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia, Feh 3, (Reuter): Human rights and opposition groups in Yugoslavia's Kosovo province accused police today of using "state terrorism" in suppressing riots by ethnic Albanians that have left up to 29 dead.

Thousands of police and security forces in bullet-proof vests patrolled streets with automatic weapons today. Factories were on strike across the province but there were no immediate reports of new clashes or casualties.

The groups said in a statement most of the victims in the past 10 days of unrest were shot in the back of the head in "mass reprisals" and called for urgent measures to avoid a "bloody civil "Ninety per cent of the cases

where people were killed indicate that mass reprisals were used and that most of the victims were shot in the back of the head," it said. The statement, sent to the federal government and the state

presidency, offered no evidence to support the allegations. The uncontrolled individual actions of the police forces," it said, "can easily be recognised as classical forms of state terror-

Reporters in the region say up to 29 people have been killed in the riots by ethnic Albanians demanding more autonomy in the region that borders Albania and is ruled by the republic of Serbia. The official death toll is

They are the worst clashes since 28 people were killed in riots last March after Serbia cut back the province's autonomy. The unrest is fuelled by centuries of feuding between the majority Muslim Alhanians and Christian Serbs and Montenegrins.

Yugoslavia's communist authorities, embroiled in their worst crisis since World War Two, have threatened tough action to end the unrest. Tanks and troops have been roaming the area and partial state of emergency is still in effect.

Serhian Prime Minister Stanko Radmilovic was due to visit the province today and met political activists to try to end the

The Kosovo human rights and opposition groups urged the government to join them in talks on ending the violence.

"We expect concrete steps as soon as possible to cnahle dialogue to start between Yugoslav government representatives and representatives of the signatories of this declaration for democracy against violence,' their statement said.



An ethnic Albanian showing the V-sign during the demonstration in Pristina Fab 2. (Reuter wirephoto)

It was signed by Kosovo's branch of the United Yugoslav Democratic Initiative, the Kosovo Human Rights Committee, the Democratic Alliance of Kosovo and the Kosovo Philosophical Society. All newlyfounded groups have been allowed to operate under a gradual relaxation of controls over the past year. past year.

Clashes raged across the province yesterday as police fired tear gas at thousands of ethnic Albanians hurling stones and chanting "democracy, demoand the Yugoslav Army said it was ready to use force to stop civil war.

There will be no hreaking up of Yugoslavia in any way, no violent takeover of power, nor will we permit civil war in the country ... the intentions (of the ethnic Alhanians) must he prevented by all means available and even by force," he said.

Troops have been on the streets of Kosovo since Thursday but the army says they have not be used in clashes with cthnic Albanians demanding greater autonomy and political reforms.

Albania protested to the United Nations at the killing of ethnic Albanians in Kosovo, the official news agency ATA said.

"Yugoslav police forces are firing at the innocent population, killiog and injuring a large num-ber of people, including women and children. This has aroused and children. This has aroused profound indignation among the Albanian people," Foreign Minister Reis Malile wrote to Secretary-General Javier Perez

Soviet withdrawal deal: The Soviet Union and Hungary agreed on Friday to quickly draw up a bilateral accord on a full withdrawal of Soviet troops from Hungarian territory.

The announcement fullnwed two days of talks between a Soviet delegation led by Deputy Foreign Minister Ivan Aboimov and Hungarian territory.

carried nut on the basis of an inter-governmental agreement to be concluded within the shartest possible time," a joint statement said.

that claimed "thnusands of casualties" on both sides. (AP)

The number of cases of murder rose to five last year compared in nnly

The 230,000 people of Brunei, located on the northern coast of Borneo Island, enjoy one of the world's highest per capita incomes, pay no taxes and have free education and medical care. (Reuter)

five days later, bringing the total number of deaths to 70. (UPI)

Moon receives gold Crown: The Rev. Moon Sun-Myung, head of the Unification Church, has received a gold crown studded with diamonds and a ruby for his 70th birthday.

The crown was presented on Thursday at a daylong party at Olympic Park in Second (A)

## Calls for halt to Karabakh foes hold fire

Delegates from the warring Soviet republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan agreed today to cease hostilities along their joint bor-der and declared the escalation of their ethnic conflict was against both sides' interests.

Leaders of the two southern republics' mass movements also agreed on provisions for an exchange of hostages taken during the latest violence over the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh territory that has claimed more than 320 lives in the past two

A spokesman for the Latvian Popular Front, host for the meeting in the Latvian capital Riga, said the two sides had issued a joint statement after the con-clusion of their first round of direct talks in the early hours

"It stated that they agreed that the escalation of the conflict was against the interests of both sides," he said.

The spokesman said the Armenians and Azerbaijanis had also agreed on provisions for the exchange of hostages and a cessa-tion of hostilities along their

Soviet

party

over

may be

MOSCOW, Feb 3, (Reuter): The Soviet Communist Party will con-

sider giving up its guaranteed monopoly on political power and other radical proposals at a key meeting next week, a Moscow radio publication said today. The Interfax news bulletin said

the proposals would come in a "draft platform of the CPSU" to

be submitted on Monday to a plen-

ary session or plenum of the cen-

tral committee, the party's policy-

making body. Interfax, which has good

official contacts, did not specify who was behind the proposals but the wording left little doubt it was

referring to an official report to be

delivered by party general secretary Mikhail Gorbacher.
""Our ideal is humane democratic socialism," the news service directly quoted the

document - which would be the

centrepiece of the plenum - as

"The draft platform calls for a

which will fight for its leading role,

but assume no state or government

powers, nor lay any claim to hav-ing its role set down in the con-

stitution," Interfax said.
It said the principle of a multi-

party system "is not rejected, but

is not treated as a passacea" in the

draft, which also provided for the

right to platforms within the party

and the right of a minority to defend its views.

"However, the party will not permit factions with an internal

organisation or discipline of their

officials, contacted through

Soviet journalists, said they could

not comment on the Interfax

report or confirm that it corre-

sponded to a draft Gorbachev has

been preparing over the past two

Other Soviet sources said it

Interfax, which has been in existence since last summer, said

the plan also proposed radical changes in the leadership structure, including the establishment of a party chairman with two deputies and a slimmed down 200-

Since the last party congress in 1986, the committee has fallen to under 250 members from nearly 400 through deaths and retirements, including a massive purge of conservatives last spring.

The proposals also called for creating a new hody, the political

creating a new body, the political executive committee, which would

include representatives from all

Soviet republics. It was not clear if this would replace the existing

Polithuro. The Polithuro, which now man-

bers 12 full and seven candidate or non-voting members, has for

decades been the Soviet Union's

effective inner cabinet, handing

down its decisions to government

and state bodies for implementa-

member Central Committee.

appeared to conform to what they

had learned of the ideas the Kremlin chief was to put forward.

Some Central Committee

own," it said.

Soviet soldiers rest during a patrol in the Azerbaljan capital of Baku. (Reuter wiraphoto)

entire border, where thousands of Soviet troops have heen deployed to keep the peace.

But both sides had restated their positions over Nagorno-Karabakh, a region which has been part of Soviet Azerbaijan since 1923 hut is populated mainly hy Armenians.
According to the Moscow

DAVOS, Switzerland, Feb 3, (Agencies): West German Chan-cellor Helmut Kohl rejected

today a Soviet proposal for an international refereodum on

German unity, saying the issue was for the Germans to decide

themselves.

He told journalists Soviet
Foreign Minister Eduard

Shevardnadze's proposal to

allowall European states plus the

United States and Canada to

vote on unity went against the

right of self-determination laid

down in the United Nations!

said when asked about the idea. "Self-determination is a basic

right, it is in the charter of the

Shovardnadze made the

proposal on Friday, one day

after East German Prime Mini-

ster Hans Modrow overturned

40 years of communist policy and

said East Berlin agreed the two

Kohl met Modrow in this

Swiss ski resort today. He

declined to spell out the subject of their talks but told journalists both states must act very quickly

to stem the tide of a mass exodiss of disillusioned East Germans to

the West. The Chancellor said there was no point in holding an international referendum on

German unity because its result

"It would hring a gigantic majority for German unity." he

Kohl also told Modrow that

Bonn rejects any idea of a reun-

ified Germany hased on

It was the first meeting bet-

ween the two government leaders

since Modrow's proposal on

Thursday that each Germany

gradually withdraw from respec-

tive military alliances and form a

Kohl and Modrow met on the sidelines of the 20th World Econ-

omie Forum Foundation sym-

posium organised each year to

promote contacts between world

political, economic and business

West German officials said

Kohl at the hour-long meeting at

single neutral state.

decision-makers.

as known in advance.

neutrality.

German states should merge.

United Nations."

"We don't need a midwife," he

radio publication interfax, the two delegations had stressed that their conflict arose from territorial elaims rather than religious differences.

The talks between leaders of the Azerbaijani Popular Front and the Armenian National Movement are being held under the auspices of the Baltic council

Kohl no to unity poll

after about 36 hours detention.

Wolff as saying in their written statement.

ning to the 1,300 symposium par-

Kohl told the conference that West Germany welcomes East

Berlin's acceptance of reunifica-

tion as an objective and is

"prepared to begin talks immediately following the March 18 elections" in East Ger-

"I have no doubt as to the

Kohl ruled out any idea of a

neutral single German state

emerging from any agreement between Bonn and "a freely-elec-

ted East German government."

"We do not want Germany

"That is why I strictly reject

The federal republic of Ger-

going-it-alone or moving in

nationalistic directions," he said.

any concept of German neutrality," Kohl said, warning

that such proposals would lead to German "isolation."

many," Kohl declared, "stands

inviolably on the side of the

result of those elections," he said

in expressing confidence that the

communists will be out.

many.

composed of the powerful popular front mass movements of Latvia, Lithuania and Estopia.

At earlier separate talks with members of the Baltic council, the Azerbaijani Popular Front condemned Moscow's decison to send troops into their capital,

Honecker quizzed

'Life in danger'

EAST BERLIN, Feb 3, (AP): The lawyer and doctor of ousted leader Erich Honecker contended yesterday that criminal interrogation of their elient was endangering his life.

The once-powerful 77-year-old was judged earlier this week to be too

Honecker is to be tried next mouth on a charge of high treason

national prosecutor Hans-Juergen Joseph has announced.
In a statement carried by the official ADN news agency, prominent lawyer Wolfgang Vogel and Dr. Friedrich Wolff protested the interrogation of their ailing client.

Honecker was questioned yesterday morning by criminal investigators in preparation for the trial against him, said Vogel.

"This unannounced investigation session had the previous imprisonment contrary to doctors' advice has led to a worsening of his health condition, in the view of Dr. Peter Althaus," ADN quoted Vogel and Welff as expense in their vertices estatement.

Althaus was the surgeon who performed an operation on Honecker

on Jan 8 to remove a malignant kidney tumor.

Vogel and Wolff contended that the investigators were aware of the

influence their questioning was having on Honecker.
"Dr. Peter Althaus believes that police interrogation at this time

whose values we share and who guarantee our security.

"The cornerstone of this alliance is our friendship with the

Soviet Foreign Minister

Eduard Shevardnadze said yes-terday that for German unity to

be acceptable there must be firm

guarantees no threat of war

could ever arise from a new Ger-

Shevardnadze, speaking in an interview with Soviet journalists

reported by the official Tass news

agency, said Germans should

renounce all territorial claims on

other countries and recognise

"All peoples, especially the peoples of the Soviet Union,

must have the right to a guaran-

tee that a threat of war will never again arise from German land,"

he declared in the first substan-

tial Soviet comment on a new

In his interview, Shevard-nadze indicated Moscow had

certain reservations about the

East German unity plan.

current frontiers in Europe.

United States."

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could endanger the patient's life," they stated

ill to withstand imprisonment and was freed from an East Berlin jail

## Lukanov elected Prime Minister

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SOFIA, Feb 3, (Agencies): Bulgaria's ruling communists have put new, moderate leaders in charge of the party and the government to freshen their, image before free elections in less than four months.

Andrei Lukunov, 51, a prominent reformer, was elected prime minister unanimously by Parliament today, a day after his close ally, Alexander Lilov, became Communist Party leader.

Lilov was chosen at an emergency congress that ditched some remaining hardliners and prevented radical reformists breaking away on their own.
Lukanov took over from

Georgi Atanasov, who resigned with his government oo Thursday accused by the party of failing to rescue the economy from its worst crisis since World War

Two.
"The social and economic crisis in the country dominates society, and our most important task is to find a way out of this,"
Lukanov told the National Assembly after his election.

He repeated the party's deter-mination to bring the hurgeoning opposition movement into the cabinet, an offer also made by

Atanasov which the opposition has so far rejected. Lukanov said he would amounce his government team when Parliament met again next

Thursday and the new cabinet

would; produce an economicaes. cue plan by the end of February. Bulgaria, the smallest Warsaw Pact country, has run in a 170 billion fareign debt, and all the milion people battle daily with food a shortages. Industrial production fell by id pencioning. Decembersione. The February engineering an anti-crisis-programment in the company of the co

everything in our society," Lukanov told Parliament. His election capped a week of major political shuffles which consolidated the position of the group of moderates around President Petar Mladenov, who ousted hardline party leader and head of state Todor Zhivkov in

ensure the correct distribution of

lovember. Lukanov and Lilov are close November. allies of Miadeney, Lilen; imagediate predecessor as party chief.

At the congress, which ended yesterday, Mladenov had the party leadership streamlined; creating a new 153-member council to replace the party's old policy-making central committee which was twice the size.

The supreme council's 17member presidium, replacing the old Politburo, is chaired by Lilov. Both Mladenov and Lukanov are presidium members.

Lukanov, multilingual and Soviet-educated, is well-known abroad having represented Bul-garia at the United Nations in Geneva and in the Soviet-led communist trading bloc Comecon.

At home, he is considered less formal than many of his government coileagues, and sometimes gives impromptu: interviews in the corridors during parliament Ousted hardline leader

Todor Zhivkov is undergoing medical treatment for "old age ailments" hut is still alive, despite news reports to the contrary.

#### Modrow plan and would like the Belvedere Hotel repeated the Atlantic alliance and the community of free democracies more elarification. gist of remarks made in the mor-Timisoara toll put at 71

## Swiss agree to Romania request on secret funds

BUCHAREST, Feb 3, (Reuter): Romanian authorities said just 71 people died in Timisoara in the December uprising against dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, in contrast to initial estimates which put the number of victims at many thousand.

The new toll, which adds five more deaths to the official figure,

was released in a government report today. Students at Timisoara's Polytechnic Institute

immediately said they were not satisified with the investigation and would carry out their own They told the official Rompres

news agency they would make house-to-house visits to establish from relatives just how many people were dead, injured or missing in the western city, 570 km (350 miles) from Bucharest near the Yugoslav border.

The unrest which precipitated Ceausescu's overthrow began in Timisoara in mid-December. First reports said thousands died in fighting against his hated Securitate secret police.

Later inquiries scaled down the death toll, and a week ago the local police chief said only 66 were known to have died and 40 more believed to have been taken to Bucharest and killed.



Dinca cries. (Reuter wirephoto)

At this week's trial of four Ceausescu aides, prosecutors said the known death tall all over Romania stood at 689.

But despite the work of an independent inquiry commission, rumours still abound of an official cover-up and of discoveries of many more bodies.

To try to set public uncase at rest, the students said they would draw up a complete register of the victims, co-operating with the commission and the city

authorities. Switzerland has said it will



Manescu responds.

now help track down a fortune Romanians believe Ceausescu secreted in Swiss banks.

Justice Ministry spokesman Joerg Kistler told Swiss radio today that a second request transmitted by the new Romanian authorities was more detailed than an earlier one which the Swiss considered insufficient.

He said the latest request for legal assistance contained precise indications on several accounts in two Swiss banks he did not

## Genscher moves on 📲 unity plan

WASHINGTON, Feb 3, (AP): West Germany's foreign minister is carry-ing his programme for German reun-ification to the administration of US President George Bush on Friday, while getting a preview from US Secretary of State James A. Baker of his pending ralls in Message. his pending talks in Moscow. Hans-Dietrich Genscher's session

with Baker, arranged earlier this week, comes on the heels of a surprise call by East German Prime Minister Hans Modrow for a single, militarily neutral German state. The State Department declined to

take a position on either Genscher's approach or the Modrow farmula.

"The United States does not endorse or exclude any particular vision of unity," spokeswoman Mar-garet D. Tutwiler said.

Baker is bound to take up the subject with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze during their talks in Moscow next Thursday and Friday. He also will see Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, who oo Wednesday softened longstanding Soviet opposition to Ger-

man reunification.
Genscher, meanwhile, is consulting with British and French officials as well as Baker and also is due to meet with Shevardnadze next week. Modrow's plan is for a neutral single German state that would belong neither to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation or to the War-

## China delays Czech visit

BEIJING, Feb 3, (Reuter): China said today it had postponed the visit to Beijing of a Czechoslovakian minister in protest against the tour of Prague by Tibet's spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama. The official New China News

Agency said Beijing had no choice but to delay the visit by Ladislav Vodrazka, minister for metallurgy, engineering and electrical engineering, because the invitation to the Dalai Lama was a "gross inteference" in China's internal affairs. Czechoslovakian Ambas-

sador in Beijing Eduard Saul was summoned to the Foreign Ministry today, the agency said. The Dalai Lama is in Prague as

a guest of Czechoslovakian President Valclav Havel. Vodrazka was scheduled to begin his stay in China on February 17. No new date was

"The Czechoslovakian president's insistence on inviting the Dalai Lama to Czechoslovakia in disregard of the solemn position made clear to him in advance by the Chinese side constitutes a gross interference in China's internal affairs," the agency said.

It added that the visit had harmed the traditional friendship between the two peoples and the friendly relations between the two countries.

Officials at the Czechoslovakian embassy in Beijing confirmed that the ambassador had been called in to receive the protest and word thet the minister's trip would be delayed. They declined further comment.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

garian officials led by Ferenc Somogyi, secretary of state at the Foreign Ministry.

"The sides ... agreed that the withdrawal of Soviet troops will be

Rebel stronghold Mavinga falls: Angolan government for-ces have captured the strategic Mavinga airstrip the strategic Mavinga airstrip in southeast Angola after fierce lighting with Unita rebels, a highranking military source claimed Friday.

The source, who spoke nn condition of anonymity, said Mavinga fell Thursday at 0330 GMT after heavy air force bombardment and lighting

Crime on the rise in Brunei: A sharp rise in killings and suicide is worring authorities in the tranquil, oil-rich sultanate of Brunei, police said on Friday.

nne in 1988 and of suicide to six from four, Haji Abdul Rahman Hamid, bead of the police crime division, told reporters.

70 die in oil ship collision: A Chinese news agency said Saturday 70 people were killed last week when an oil tanker collided with a ferry on the Yangtze River and annther 43 people were missing. The China news service said the accident occurred on the morning of Jan 24, in southeast Anhui province along the Yangtze River when an oil tanker carrying 2,300 tunnes of oil ran into a ferry, sinking it.

Rescue workers recovered 38 survivors and 14 bodies soon after the accident and another 56 bodies were found when the ferry was salvaged fine days later, bringing the lotal number of deaths to 70, (UPI)

## NAM meet on world changes proposed

UNITED NATIONS, Feb 3, (Reuter): Yugoslavia, as chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement, has proposed a special ministerial meeting in New York in April to consider the dramatic changes on the world scene since the group's summit in Belgrade last September.

In a letter to all members, Yugoslav Foreign Minister Budimir Loncar suggested the meeting take place before or at the start of previously scheduled special session of the UN General Assembly on economic issues and development, set for His January 29 letter, a copy of which was obtained by Reuters, said the "processes of dynamic changes in the world, affirm decisions taken at last year's non-aligned summit. But, he added: "These developments carry uncer-

tainties and contradictions as well, and evolve at a pace that was hard to predict. This makes it incumbent upon us to update our assessments and action."

Loncar proposed using the opportunity afforded by the special UN session to hold the non-aligned gathering in New York toward the end of April.

# te Call for Iran's expulsion from UN Soviet Jews 'sold'

A man tries to set out fire in West Beirut after shells fired from East Beirut, crashed in tha Muslim sector of the

capital. (Below) Smoka billows from the port area in East Beirut where Christian rivals battle. (Reutar

Civilians trapped in Beirut inferno

Screaming for life

Most of the enclave's 900,000

We have been in the shelter since

civilians cowered in shelters and

dawn. We have caten all the canned

food ... we have no more milk for the

babies," said distraught Tima Ghan-

"Please tell them to stop only for one hour so we could feed out chil-

"Stop this massacre," pleaded one radio station "halt this collective

Passengers arriving today on the ferry from Christian East Beirut said

fighting between Christian factions

was wreaking more damage than any

other battle in 15 years of civil war.
"We never had a war like this,"
said Robin Haik, 24, who took

advantage of a hill in the fighting to escape the brutal exchanges in the

"The Lebanese Forces put all kinds of artillery between every house to try to get the army, and the army tried to hit them with all kinds

Haik said bundreds of shells fell

near his apartment building.

Traffie on the coastal highway

from Ashrafiyeh to the port at Joun-ieh north of Beirut was reduced

points set up by the opposing forces, Hail said.

"There was a car with four bodies

Sudan reprieves convicts facing amputation

massacre," said another.

Ashrafiyeh district.

STRASBOURG, France, Feb 3, (Reuter):
West European parliamentarians called
yesterday for Iran to be expelled from the United Nations, saying a government that had executed 90,000 people was not worthy of holding a seat.

Nechlis Some 114 of the 1// memoris

Timula, Council of Europe's parliamentary assemwhich said Iran was using terrorism as a form of foreign policy and that thousands of Iranians faced imminent execution.

MIDEAST

BRIEFS

KUWAIT, Feh 3, (Kuna): Indian Foreign Ministry undersecretary Motashkand Dabth has said his

country adheres to its stance in sup-port of Arab issues, and has always backed the Palestinian question.

Speaking to a Kuwain daily news-paper here today, Dabih said that his country is worried about the situa-tion in the occupied Arab territories.

TOKYO, Feb 3, (Kuna): Israel will

China Morning Post" paper published in Hong Kong and

received here Saturday said that this office is expected to have a consulate status until complete diplomatic relation with China were established.

CAIRO, Feb 3, (UPI): A leading

Egyptian journalist and confident of President Hosni Muharak suggested

today the government allow the out-lawed Muslim Brotherhood to form

Makram Mohammad Ahmad, editor-in-chief of the influential Cairo weekly Al Mussawar, said bringing the Brotherhood into the

mainstream of Egyptian politics might derectit to drop its fiery

thetoric, and espouse more responsi-ble and realistic policies.

12 die in clashes

DIYARBARIR, Turkey, Feb 3.

(AP): Nine Kurdish rebels and three government soldiers were killed in a

clash in the eastern province of Tan-

celi; the regional governor scoffice announced yesterday.

semi-official Anatolia news agency, said that the elash started near Kilkoy village in Nazimiye township

Lawsuit dismissed

WASHINGTON, Feb 3, (AP): A

federal judge yesterday dismissed a lawsuit by the former Lebanese

ambassadorto Washington, who has been trying to avoid being evicted from his country's embassy.

US district court judge Harold Greene ruled that former ambia-sador Abdallah Bouhabih was given

adequate notice that the United States was recognising the new Lebanese government of President

Elias Hirawi. Greene denied the

request for a preliminary injunction by a Lebanese faction to which Bou-

2 commandos kliled

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb 3,

(Reuter): Israel said its troops killed

wo commandos todayduring a clash

In Baghdad the Palestine Libera-tion Front (PLF) said one of its units killed or wounded several Israelis in

An Israeli Army spokeswoman who reported the clash said no Israeli

CAIRO, Feh 3, (Reuter): Foreign Ministers of Egypt, Israel and the

United States may meet within a

week to prepare for the first Israeli-

Palestinian dialogue, Egyptian Foreign Ministry officials said

"There is a possibility of a tripar-

tite meeting in a European capital within a week," one told Reuters.

UNITED NATIONS, Feb 3.

(Reuter): UN Secretary General

Javier Perez de Cuellar will visit

Namibia next month for the

territory's independence celebra-

tions and may go to the western Sahara on the same trip.

He said he would be in Namibia by
March 20, a day before ceremonics

are scheduled for the territory's

independence from South Africa, and hoped he could visit the western

Sahara shortly afterwards if time all-

CAIRO, Feb 3, (Kuna): The Foreign

Ministers of the Arah Co-operation Council states (ACC) will meet in

Baghdad on February 16 to celebrate the first anniversary of establishing the council, radio Cairo said today.

During their meeting, the ACC

foreign ministers will prepare for the next ACC summit meeting.

scheduled to be held in Amman at the

ANKARA, Feb 3, (AP): Rauf Denktash, president of the breakaway Turkish Cypriot republic, said yes-

terday he will attend a UN sponsored

meeting with Greek Cypriot

President George Vassilou on Feb 26

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end of February, the radio added.

Cyprus talks

ACC meet

**Mideast talks** 

in its south Lebanon security zone.

habib remains loyal.

Thursday night.

The announcement, carried by the

Call to lift ban

China, Israell ties

indian support

the Liberal, Democratic and Reformers group said a total of 90,000 people had been executed in Iran since June 1989 and that 150,000 had been jailed for political reasons.

The exiled National Council of Resistance of Iran, which said it supplied the figures on which the group's statement was based, said the statement contained a typ-

ing error made in Strasbourg.

The date should have read 1981, hut

the statement was re-typed in Strasbourg and it got printed as 1989," National Council spokesman Farzin Hashemi told Reuters by telephone from London.

No member of the parliamentary group was available for comment at the Council

In their declaration, the parliamentarians said the UN should expel Iran and give its seat to the National Council of Resistance of Iran, led by exile Massoud "In the almost eight months period since Khomeini's death, there has been sufficient evidence that the present franian regime still employs terrorism ... it is therefore futile to hope for the emergence of a moderate line from within this

regime," the parliamentarians said. The Strasbourg-based council groups 23 western European democracies. The 114 signatories also called for an arms boycott, oil embargo and suspension of relations with Iran.

## Shamir seeks Likud trust

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM. Feb 3, (UPI): Prime Minister Yit-thak Shamir, facing another lest of his political power, today said be would seek a vote of confidence from his Likud Party amid bicker-

ing led by his chief party rivals.

The 3,200-member Likud central committees is scheduled to convene Fch 7, but the agenda of the gathering remains unclear. Committee members have received two invitations - one from Shamir who wants only a straight 'yes' or 'no' vote of con-lidence and the other by Trade and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon seeking votes on other issues, including the peace process.

"For too long I have been insulted hy slanderous and attacking voices from within my own movement," Shamir said on Israel television. "This is not a normal

"Because of this, I believe that the central committee wust adopt a decision on confidence in the prime minister and the head of the novement"

Despite the squabbling, Shamir told army radio in an interview, aired today, "there are no ideological differences of opinion in the Likud, particularly on the diplomatic issues."

"I want a clear decision by the central committee that it approves my way and gives support to my adership and thus gives backing to me to continue to lead the Likud," he said. "I am convinced that a majority in the central com-mittee is satisfied with my posi-

On the issue of the Israeli peace initiatives, Shamir said the fate of the proposal launched last spring was "first of all dependent upon us, on our vigorousness to condefence against any attempt to divert it. After four mouths of intensive diplomacy, Secretary of State James Baker said yesterday it is

still possible that his attempt to bring Israelis and Palestinians into a dialogue could fail. Baker, in an interview with United Press International, was asked about the possibility that he

could invite the Egyptian and Israeli foreign ministers to a trilateral ministerial conference next week in Europe. "I would not want to suggest that is going to happen," said Baker, "but with this area and this

problem those flickers of hope can he snaffed out very quickly. "We're not there yet and we

don't know if we will get it, but we're going to keep ingging away," Bakersaid. "We'll give up when there's no longer any hope that we can move the process. important concessions by the

PLO have suddenly raised hopes that the foreign ministers of the United States, Egypt and Israel can hold crucial Middle East peace talks in Europe next weekend, diplomatic sources said.

#### BBC crew held in Azerbaijan LONDON, Feb 3, (Reuter): A BBC

reporter and a freelance camera operator were detained in the Soviet Republic of Azerbaijan near the border with Iran yesterday, a British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) spokesman said.

BBC foreign correspondent Ben Brown and the camera operator were being held by Soviet troops because they entered the area without a visa, according to Moscow Radio, mon-

itored by the BBC.
"Details are sketchy at the moment and we are trying to find out exactly what is happening" the BBC spokesman said.

He said Brown was a Briton but had no details on the identity of the

# for \$1.5 billion aid

## It's a secret deal: US official

KUWAIT, Feb 3, (Agencies): A top American official asking for anonymity has affirmed that the Soviet Union agreed on the emigration of 150,000 Soviet Jews to Israel until mid-1991 in a secret agreement concluded between Moscow and Washington recently, according to a Kuwaiti daily today.

The Arabic newspaper quoted the American official as saying that the Soviet Union will receive an American grant estimated at one and a half billion dollars in exchange for allowing the Jewish exodus. The American government's condition to implement the agreement was that the American Jews should make financial donations to support Israel in absorbing the vast numbers of emigrants from the Soviet Union and the American treasury would not assist in that plan, added the American official.

He confirmed that the Soviet Union had set the conditions in the secret agreement that the Soviet Jews should not be resettled in the occupied Arah territory and if Israel did oot comply the whole agreement would be cancelled.

In an apparent concession to Arab fears about the mass exodus of Soviet fews to Israel, Soviet envoy Gennady Tarasov said in Tunis today that
Moscow did not iotend to allow
direct flights to the Jewish state.

"We have at present no plans to
establish direct air lioks and all
rumours... to this effect do not corre-

spond to the reality," he told reporters at Tunis airport after four days of talks with the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

The Soviet airline Aeroflot and the Israeli airlioe El Al signed an agreement on direct flights to December but the Soviet government has not ratified it.

Palestiniao leader Nayef Hawatmeh said a ban on direct flights was one of several measures the Soviet Union had agreed to ensure that Jewish emigrants could choose their desunation.

nationality law guaranteeing emigrants the right to return and would contact European countries on arranging stopovers where the emigrants could apply for visas for countries other thao Israel, Hawat-

The Soviets would also pass a

Israel will settle many of the Soviet emigraots to the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, which the Palestinians view as the site for their iodepen-

But Tarasov, assistant to Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze on the Middle East, ruled out any measures to keep Jews in the Soviet Union and said it was up to the international community to ensure they did out go to the occupied territories.

Jordan has called on the United States and the Soviet Union to live up to their responsibilities in halting the Jewish mass exodus to occupied Arab territories

Jordaniao Information Minister thrahim tzzudin was quoted by daily Al Seyassah as saying the emigration of Jews from the Soviet Union to the occupied Arab territories created a new dangerous situation and impeded peace process in the Middle

The US administration is obliged to issue a clear-cut statement on the illegality of settlements and to halt financial assistance to Israel which goes directly or indirectly to settling

of immigrants." Izzudin said.
"The Soviet Uoioo which is the main source of Jewish exodus should take into eonsideration that the immigration of Soviet Jews should not be at the expense of the Palestinian rights. Arab national security and regional and world stability," he added.

In Moscow, Soviet First Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli Vorontson met US ambassador in the USSR Jack Matlock asking for explanations concerning the recent information of an American-Israeli accord to "retard" the entry of Soviet Jewish emigrants to the USA so that they

could go only to Israel, Tass news agency reported.

The US ambassador denied any official accord with Israel to that score but admitted that a considera-ble part of Jewish persons sometimes go as long as a year through USentry formatities for a number of reasons" and that might impel them to go to Israel.

The Arab group decided to set up a committee to recommend action to counter any settlement of Soviet Jewish immigrants, league's UN

observer said.
Ambassador Clovis Maksoud said the settlement of Soviet Jews in areas captured by Israel during the 1967 Middle East war "not only tends to beef up the existing illegal settlemen, but also constitutes a potential for the pre-empting of the right of the Palestinians to their iodependent state in the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem."

In a related development, the Soviet Union circulated as a UN document a note it recently seet to Israel warning against settlement of Soviet Jewish immigrants in the occupied territories.

## Bullets plenty, food scanty

#### Famine looms over Ethiopia

KAJO KAJI, Sudan, Feh 3, (Reuter): Gleaming bullets carpet the abandoned trenches of Kajo Kaji, but there is no food to spare for 20,000 refugees from southern

Sudan's civil war,
The rebel Sudan People's Liberatioo Army seized Kajo Kaji, a small
town set amid rolling plains of tall grass dorted with mango trees, on Jan 6 after a fierce battle.

Since then the focus of fighting has moved 120 km (75 miles) west to Yei, where a mechanised division of the Sudanese army was holding out against an SPLA siege.

Government-controlled newspapers in Khartoum said yesterday that the army had broken rebel sieges at Vei and at the southern resional at Yei and at the southern regional capital Juba by driving the SPLA from positioos around the town. Martin Okerruk, the SPLA's civilian administrator in Kajo Kaji, says most of the 20.000 displaced

people in his district have come from Yel, which was abandoned by its civilian population two weeks ago. "At first those who arrive are absorbed into the homes of their relatives who share with them the little they have," Okerruk told

During a brief visit, Renter correspondent did not see large numbers of destitute people without shelter. But food is running out and Okerruk said there was no provision to house

those without relatives pearby.

Egil Hagen, the director of the
Norwegian People's Aid Programme
in Southern Sudan, flew in on Wednesday to assess needs and make arrangements for a food convoy to reach the town from Uganda. The Norwegians have been quietly

trucking food and medicine into rebel-held areas of southern Sudan from Kcoya since 1986. The convoys bring 300 tonnes a week which is distributed by the SPLA's relief wing, the Sudan Relief

and Rehabilitation Association.

Hagen, a former major in the Norwegian army who has been running relief supplies into areas of conflict for 10 years, is proud that his truck-

mg operation kept going through last year's rainy season, when the United Nations resorted to airlifts. Each Hercules from Entebbe costs \$20,000 and each of our trucks,

which carries the same amount of food, costs \$2,000, one tenth of the cost," Hagen told Reuters. His group kept delivering when

most agencies were grounded by the Sudanese government.
"Nofood apart from what we have

delivered has gone into the SPLA-held areas since the beginning of November when the government stopped fights," Hagen said.

Hagen himself ignored the flight ban and continued to make clandes-

tine trips to distribution centres. Meanwhile, a relief plane which was denied permission to land in the besieged southern Sudan town of Juba remained grounded in Nairobi

yesterday with its cargo of corn. However, a Sudan Airways Boeing 707 left Kenya's capital early in the morning with 30-tonnes of emergency corn donated by the Italian



A destitute retuges from Sudan's civil war grinds maize in a ward of the abandoned hospital at Kajo Kaji where he has taken refuga, (Reuter

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#### West may reduce efforts to solve Palestinian problem, says expert The most effective outside intervention, French President François Mitterrand's

in it on the road," he said. Crew membes on the ferry Baroness said 200 hurned cars littered the

parking lot at the port, evidence of

the struggle for control of the tiny naval facility that the Lebanese For-

They said people at the port told them the fighting in many areas was

"One street is street."

"One street is controlled by the army, the next by the Lebanese Forces. It's terrible," said crew member Elie, who like his collegues wanted

"You can't even pin your finger on the street," added erew member

Danny.
Only 40 passengers got off the boat, which docked just half an hour in Jounieh to pick them up.

The ferry usually arrives in the

morning and leaves in the evening, but the Baroness docked around 8:30

pm (1830 GMT) and left after half an

"It was very bad. There were

bombs, tockets, the crew members were afraid and so were the passen-

gers," said chief officer Demetris

had paused around Jounich, with the

Lebanese Forces controlling a coas-

above Amsheet to the porth.

dormant since Nimeiri was ousted in April 1985.

The rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army wants

The review by the chief justice triggered specula-

tion that the move was made under pressure from

moderate military men inside and outside the ruling

15-member junta to get the government to improve

Reports have been circulating among Sudanese

intellectuals and some foreign diplomats that the

military government is strongly influenced by the

fundamentalist National Islamic Front. But gover-

Jaafar Nimeiri, deposed by the military in 1985

after a 16-year presidency, imposed Sharia, or Islamic law, in 1983.

Sharia replaced by secular law while the ruling junta

wants to retain it in areas where Muslims are a

Crew members said the fighting

port early in the morning

from street to street.

only his first name used.

ces holds.

LONDON, Feb 3, (Kuna): With the threat of a third world war arising from the Arab-Israel conflict now greatly reduced, Western govern-

BEIRUT, Feb 3, (Agencies): Trap-

ped men, women and children screamed for their lives in a blazing

The Christian "Voice of Lebanon" radio station broadcast a special appeal begging civil defence

workers to brave artillery barrages to

In the chaos of the Christian

enclave's three-day old battle bet-ween army troops and their militia rivals it was impossible to learn

whether firemen reached the building

or what happened to the people

At mid-evening yesterday radio stanons reported a major fire burn-

ing at the St Peter and Paul hospital in Ideideh, which had been crammed

with wounded and had turned others

away because it was out of oxygen

As night fell the flames of dozens of

Shells exploded in flashes of

orange. Bombardments rose to a hys-terical pitch. A huge grey cloud of smoke covered the heart of the city.

"It is complete madness - as if the doors of bell were, flung open," a

Hardly an area was left unscathed

by the fighting, which pitted General Michel Aoun's 15,000 regulars against Samir Geagea's 10,000-man Lebanese Forces militia.

and others were being reviewed.

KHARTOUM, Feb 3, (Agencies): The Sudanese

government has reprieved some convicts awaiting the amputation of limbs under Sharia Islamic laws,

the official Sudanese news agency said.

It quoted chief justice Galal Ali Lufti as saying

that several sentences had already been amended

Those waiting to lose their right hand and left leg

Lufti gave no reason for the change. Sharia laws

are at the heart of a seven-year war waged by rebels in the mainly animist or Christian south a gainst the

The laws, which prescribe amputation for theft,

stoning to death for adultery and other such punish-

ments, were introduced to Sudan in 1983 by

President Jaafar Nimeiri. They have been largely

government in the Muslim Arabised north.

would instead serve jail terms ranging from five

fires could be seen across the Chris-

and other essential supplies.

nan enclave.

resident said.

years to life.

building in Beirut

save them.

Craig, who held the key Middle Eastern post of

Nevertheless, the recent change in Western public opinion in favour of the Arabs had exclusive interview today.

Craig, who is now director-general of the British Middle East Association, added that the willingness of the Palestinians to accept the existence of Israel had been "the greatest step forward made in my experience of this whole

"It has revolutionised the approach of Wes-The retired ambassador told Kuna that he Sir James argued.

No American government, "however well-intentioned," can move until it has enough support from American public opinion, he

Asked why the British government had not upgraded the level of its contacts with the PLO, Craig claimed "it doesn't matter what the Brit-

"The British government has no influence on

But "we can only maintain and exercise that influence if we remain close to them," he said,

decade, Craig predicted.

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ments may devote less efforts to the Palestinian question, an influential Middle East expert has The former British diplomat, Sir James

ambassador to Saudi Arabia for several years, also expressed concern that recent upheavals in Eastern Europe might divert attention away from the Middle East.

provided a ray of hope, "which I never expected to see during my lifetime," he told Kuna in an

its image at home and abroad.

nment leaders denied the reports.

tern public opinion to the issue," he asserted. firmly believed there would be no settlement of the conflict without outside intervention.

probably the only effective outside intervention can come from the United States government,"

adding that it was "a difficult choice to make."

The strategic and commercial importance of the Middle East is set to increase during the next

talks with PLO leader Yasser Arafat had

"The British can, by nibbling away at the

Americans, exert some influence," he contin-

achieved little impact, he believed.

## E. Germany welcomes foreign investments | Call to impose death

## **Envoy reiterates support for Arab causes**

Deputy General Director of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, Engineer Mehmoud Al

Mudhaf received two Swedish experts and exchanged talks with them nn the possibility of setting up a

Tha two Swedish experts were invited by the authority's Industrial Training Centre to visit Kuwalt in order to tour the centres and collages and also to provide advice on organising technical training programmes to

During their visit the two experts visited the Industrial Training Centre. The Communications and Aviation Centre in eddition to the Electricity and Waler Centre and the Health Sciences Collage.

The Swedish experts stated their establishment in Sweden is keen to train Kuwaitis on operating advanced

technological devices.

GCC common market

**Unified customs tariff** 

will fulfill aspirations

ments.

Iraq-Iran dispute, oil demand increase and produc-

tion were factors contributing to the improvement

of the economic situation and ettracting invest-

investment in the region, besides the guarantees required for citizen investors to operate at home.

adding that an agreement was signed June 1988

between the GCC and EEC identifying the field of

co-operation between the two blocs and determin-

ing obstacles that need to be eliminated by joint

He said that a meeting would be held between the

two parties in Muscat on March 17, which would be

attended by the foreign ministers from both blocs, where discussion would centre on the inauguration

of co-operation channels between the two blocs, and

a number of committees and workteams would be

formed to accelerate the co-operation tempo bet-

A meeting for Gulf and European industrialists would be beld in Grenada on Feb 19 for the

exchange of views and discussion of the topical

industrial issues pertaining to co-operation between the two sides, where 300 European industrialists

would participate and 100 from the Gulf, mostly

He said that the meeting would centre on oil and

petrochemical industries as well as major heavy and

energy industry, such as steel and aluminimum in

In a related development a special symposium is

to be held on Feh 27 and Feh 28, 1990 in Casablanca

which will discuss the posibilities of exporting Arab

ween both sides in certain areas.

from the private sector, Quwaiz said.

addition to pharmaceutical industries.

countries contracts.

He said that the GCC has great opportunity for

KUWAIT, Feb 3, (Kuna): The East German ambassador to Kuwait today welcomed foreign investments to his country, particularly from the Arab Gulf states and expressed democratic Germany's wish to establish co-operation relations with the

Dr Kurt Merkel said in press statements published today that his country, which only has diplomatic relations with Kuwait from the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) group, is desirous to tap its present wealth and resources in partnership with capital from the GCC states.

**Faisal** 

award

for US

chemist

HOUSTON, Feb 3, (UPI): A Texas A-and-M University

chemist has won the 1990 King

Faisal International Prize in science for a lifetime of research

that led to the development of

high-octane gasoline, antifreeze, structural plastics and other

technological mainstays of

"It hit me out of the blue," F. Albert Cotton, 59, told the Hous-

ton Post in an interview. The

newspaper contacted Cotton by

telephone at Cambridge Univer-sity in England, wherehe is work-

ing temporarily.

Cotton said he learned of the

honour last week from a reporter

for a Saudi Arabian newspaper. Cotton also has been named

this year's recipient of the

National Academy of Sciences Award in chemical sciences. He is

the only scientists ever to receive all six American chemical society

gold medals and recently was awarded a second Guggenheim

Fellowship.
The King Faisal prize is awarded for "accomplishments benefitting mankind."

Cotton, an inorganic chemist, will share the US\$93,000 prize with two other scientists — Mos-tafa F. Amr El Sayed of UCLA, a

physical chemist, and Raymond U. Lemieux of the University of

Alberta in Edmonton, Canada,

In the mid-1960s, Cotton dis-

covered the concept of e quadru-

ple bonding among atoms of

cription of the chemistry of e

completely new class of chemical

Bangladesh

blanket drive

extended to

February 12

BANGLADESH Association has extended time up to 12th February 1990 for collecting blankets for cold wave victims of

Bangladesh. Interested persons

may donate their blankets to the

Bangladesh Embassy premises.

First shipment of 208 blankets

The association's officiats

expresses its thanks and

gratitude to all persons and

establishments for their kind

has been handed over to the Ban-gladesh Air Lines which will

carry it without any cost.

donation and help.

"It was the discovery and des-

an organic chemist.

compounds," be said.

The envoy also praised, in a wide-ranging interview with a local daily, Kuwaiti-East German relations and appreciated Kuwait's constructive role et the Arab and international levels.

He said that his government now faces

some internal difficulties but hoped that following the upcoming March 18 general elections, efforts would be directed towards strengthening relations with Kuwait and other GCC states.

The East German ambassador renewed his country's support of the Palestinian cause, stressing that any peace settlement

Student exchange programme

GCC assistant secretary-general for economic affairs Dr Abdullah Al Quwaiz has said that there is

great bope that the programme endorsed by the GCC's Higher Council at the Muscat Summit last

December will lead to the establishment of the Gulf

since 1983 have been able to consolidate the unifica-tion and integration of the GCC national markets adding that the volume of trading activities in the GCC which used to vary from 2 or 3 per cent to 10

per cent as registered during the years 1985/86 and 1987 has increased to 20 per cent.

He told a local daily that although the drop in the intra-GCC trading activity rate was due to the drop in oil prices caused by high demand, the trading volume in the region did not drop as the markets

started implementing an inter dependent policy,

He said that the interlinkage sought between the

GCC was no longer impossible to reach and once the customs tariff is unified, it could be said that the sought after GCC Common Market would come

Quwaiz pointed nut that the GCC finance mini-

sters would during their forthcoming meeting on

Feb 14 discuss steps towards more achievements

within the framework of the GCC Joint Economic

Pact to fulfill the aspirations for economic integra-

the increase in hudgets of many countries in the region in addition to the unification of standards,

improvement of the economic situation, halt of the

He added that the expansion of the market and

while investment rates increased eonsiderably.

He said that the steps taken in the economic field

Common Market.

tion in the region.

student exchange programme.

of the Middle East problem without involvement of the PLO, sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, is doomed to fail.

Reunification He also called for national reconciliation in Lebanon and voiced support of the Taif accord, brokered by the Arab League tripartite committee on Lebanon.

Asked on reunification of the two Germanys, Dr Merkel indicated that it would

not be on the example of the pre-World War II model but rather within an all-European unity, where no divisions exist between East and West Europe.

Elaborating the East German envoy said the Bonn and Berlin governments were now discussing development of co-operation ties to maximum levels as a step towards e federal system.

In reply to a question, the ambassador said East Germany does not intend to apply for membership of the European Economie Community, adding Berlin is a member of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (Comecon) and would like to stay, since 60 per cent of trade is with Comecon states.

## 'Mad cow' may affect humans: **UK** expert

LONDON, Feb 3, (Kuna): Humans could start to show symptoms of BSE "mad cow Disease", within the next 20 years, e British doctor predicted in a television programme here

yesterday. Dr Helen Grant, a specialist from London's Charing Cross and Middlesex Hospital said infected offal is still being fed to people in pies and other meat

She believed that some genctically susceptible people may have become infected with this material hy eating meat products.

As a result they would 'develop the disease in the course of the next 15 to 20 years," Dr Grant predicted in a current affairs programme screened in northern England, "Northern

Eye". She elaimed last October's British government ban preventing cow brains and spinal cords, the most likely infected material. from entering the food chain did not go far enough. She pointed out that the offal

from calves under six months old was excluded from the ban and is still entering the food chain.

The mad cow disease is an ineurable condition which affects the animal's brain. A report on Jan 27 bad stated

that the first cases of "mad cow" disease diagnosed outside Britain, the Channel Islands and the Irish Republic were reported in the Sultanate of Oman.

A letter in a specialised publication in London, the

Veterinary Record said the discase, bovine spongiform Ence-phalopathy (BSE) was found in the GCC country in two Jersey cows imported from England in

The Times which highlighted the report said the discovery is likely to reinforce concern about live animals exported from the

Earlier on the EEC decided to ban the import of live cattle eged more than six months. No case of BSE has been diag-

nosed in animals younger than these, the paper noted.

## Support for Palestinian aid fund requested

KUWAIT, Feb 3, (Kuna): Chairman of the Charity Com-mittee in Support of Palestine and Lebanon Ahmad Al Falah today called for supporting the committee to collect Kuwaiti dinar one million (about \$3 million) in donations for assistance of Palestinian people in the occupied Arah territories.

In an exclusive interview with Kuna, Falah said the fund-raising targets the establishment of productive and professional projects to engage unemployed Palestinian labourers.

It will be also of great help to those affected by the Israeli repressive measures of confisca-tion of lands and territories and families whose supporters are wounded or have died or arrested by the Israeli occupation auth-

orities.
Falah said that the committee has received donations to support the steadfastness "of our brothers in the occupied territories," adding that \$2 million were sent to the occupied Gaza Strip and West Bank in support of the intifada and \$3 million were used in supporting charity projects in occupied

#### Inspection tour

BOARD chairman of the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ihrahim Duaij Al Ibrahim inspected progress of work at the camel and sheep breeding

# penalty on drug traders

## 249 kilos confiscated in '89

KUWAIT, Feb 3, (Kuna): A Kuwaiti official todey called for imposing capital punishment or life unprisonment on drug traffickers as he complained of the increase of the number in such cases "day after day."

Director of Drugs and Nar-cotics Department (DND) at the Ministry of Interior Salah Al Musaad told a local daily in an interview that about 249 kilogrammes of hashish, opium and heroin in addition to eight million hallucinatory pills were

confiscated last year.
Musaad said penalties should be reinforced to stop dealers from spreading their poisons in

the country.

Musaad said that drug trafficking is an international problem, and statistics reveal that a quarter of the total world population are drug addiets. International conferences and symposia are increasingly being held amidst growing awareness of the dangerous effects of this problem. The last of these symposia was held in Vienna on November 25 till December 20, 1989 which resulted in the endorsement of the proposed

He said that because drug smuggling formed a formidable part of the problem strict legislations were formulated to deter this illegal and the death penalty is the ultimate. He added that using drugs on the other hand led to addiction and rendered the users unproductive social misfits who remained a source of continuous nuisance, mainly to their family and then to society. Combat

He said studies were being conducted by the Ministries of Justice and Interior to tighten the penal code on drug smuggling, which is currently penalised by jail terms reaching five years, and that it is hoped that a stricter penalty would be endorsed to combat smugglers and to treat drug-smuggling as a formidable

crime.

Hashish, heroin and opium are the commonest types of narcotics in Kuwait, and hallucin-

atory and psychotropic drugs came next, such as captigon and valium, Musaad said.

He pointed out that drug cases registered against juveniles in Kuwait were few, and the cases so far recorded involved people from different nationalities. He further stated that it is not yet known if members of the public anti-narcotie control service were incriminated and ruled out any possible involvement by local pharmacies in the growing

drug-abuse problem.
Musaad said that under article
35 of the law No. 74 for 1983 a spouse could report or request the anti-narcotic prosecution to initiate proceedings against a spouse or close relative who might be e drug-addict to get him into the anti-drug rehabilitation programme at a local social welfare institution. The same is true of the government agency where the addict might happen to be

He added that the Public Prosecution could, based on the psychiatric report, request the transfer of the person to the Criminal Court to settle the issue of his consent or acceptance to stay at a local social service institution for the duration of the rehabilitation programme, in line with the second clause of Article 33 under the same law.

He further added that the court could voluntarily or in response to a request by the Public Prosecution order the placement of the person under medical attention for a period not exceeding three weeks for the pecessary. medical check-ups.

Musaad pointed out that addicts who were caught in possession of drugs or psychotropic substances could under the same article be committed to a social service centre for treatment, and a specially-formed committee would submit a report on his condition to the Criminal Court to decide on his release or reten-tion for similar periods of a minimum of six months and not to exceed two years.

Those who had already been twice into the sanatorium and

had not been released for five years would instead be ordered to serve imprisonment terms as decided by the court, Musaad

He said that only in cases when the involved person was sufferwould the court decide to abstain from ruling against them for the inapplicability of the related

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penal code. He added that similar decision would also be adopted when the person invovled was proven to be completely ignorant of the perilous effect induced by the substance found in his posses-

#### Penalties

The degree of firmness of the penalty enforced against the person involved in the drug case would be decided, based on the quantity of the drug substance found with him or in case he is a anti-drug law enforcement official

Musaad pointed out that on the whole the degree of firmness of the penalty endorsed would be left up to the court to decide. based on the evidence available against the suspect and the estimated size of his crime. The minimum jail term for drug-smuggling crimes is eutrently five years, while drug-trafficking is penalised with a minimum three. years and four months.

He said that smuggling is also penalised by a maximum jail term reaching up to 15 years while the maximum penalty for trading or trafficking is ten years, adding that users are jailed for a minimum period of 20 months and a maximum period of 5: 4.

The Public Health Ministly of has supervised the dispensation, in use and identification of drugs, while article 24 of the law banned the production of concections containing drugs without prior proficial licence, Musaad said.

He stressed the disastrous effects of the drug problem on the social structure, saying it would destroy the bealthy and the strong, mainly youth, and also jeopardise social security.

## Glut in market lowers meat prices

THE price of meat in Kuwait was previously defined by the Ministry of Commerce and industry and to determine if merchants were abiding these prices or not, a local daily interviewed a number of consumers and

Mutlak Al Basiri, a merchant said that he sold meat at prices less than the ministry's to attract customers. He said that he was selling each kilo et 550 fils, although the ministry defined the price at 750 fils.

Replying to a question whether he was incurring losses due to his selling for less than the official price, Basiri said: "There is no merchant who sells at a loss — only profits are reduced."

He went on to explain that some merchants sold meat without fat at KD1 or more, but added that there is always the possibility that they could be cited by inspectors to be violators breaking the code of fixed-

Sabri Al Wakeel, a customer said that he preferred to purchase meat without fat or bones for which he paid between KD1.250 to KD1.500

per kilo. He said that he preferred to purchase his needs from the Shuwaikh market. Ibrahim Maher another meat merchant said that most merchants

were selling meat at prices below those stipulated due to the abundance of meat in the local market. Supply exceeds demand, he said.

He added that prices of Turkish meat are mostly fixed due to the scarcity of this kind of meat in the local market and in view of the increasing demand.

Meanwhile, a consumer said that be had purchased ten kilos of meat. However, after removing the fat the net weight came to seven kilos. In this respect, be said the official fixing of prices is circumvented and in fact the customer ends up paying more than the official price. He called on officials to take up the matter urgently and redress this situation. However, he commented that it is heartening to note that though the prices of all other commodities have increased, the price of meat has remained stable.

A meat importer Shabib Faraj said that prices of meat had been reduced in view of the increasing supply of meat in the local market from various sources. He said that the market is suffering a slump and buge losses might be incurred in the very near future.

Yusuf Ahmed, a customer said that some butchers were selling Chinese meat and claiming that it was Arabic or Turkish and said that many butchers do not seriously consider being apprehended for selling above the fixed price. He said that recently be had purchased calf meat at KD1.500 per kilo, although the official price was defined at 800 fils.

## ACC calls for summit "on Jewish immigration

BAGHDAD, Feb 3, (Kuna): The parliamentary committee of the Arab Co-operation Council has called for bolding an extraordinary Arab summit to discuss ; the immigration of Soviet Jews to israel and to take the necessary .

measures to stop the exodus.

At the end of its deliberations here, the committee called for the formation of joint Arah parliamentary delegations to visit foreign capitals in order to explain the consequences of the Jewish exodus to Israel and to condemn the Zionist policy in the occupied Arah territories.

The committee also appealed to foreign parliaments and international organisations to intervene and belp stop these practices which contradicts with human rights and international charters.

The committee also backed Iraqi President Saddam Husscin's initiative on ending the Iraq-Iran conflict and said, "the

initiative is based on a number of legal and human basis." The committee which

represents parliaments and the national councils for the Arab Co-operation Council states hailed the positive measures taken toward the reunification of the two Yemens and called for the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon.

## Alawi in Baghdad

MUSCAT, Feb 3, (Kuna): Omani State Minister for Foreign Affairs Yousef Bin Alawi today left here for Baghdad on an official three-day visit to Iraq, during which he will hold talks with Iraqi Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Tareq

Radio Muscat today quoted Bin Alawi as saying hefore departure that his visit to Iraq comes as part of consultations Oman conducts with fraternal Arab countries. Oman currently chairs the Gulf Co-operation Council and the Arab League.

He pointed out that his visit comes at an appropriate time for consultations on the current situation in the region and efforts exerted to establish peace and co-

## **Aviation conference today**

KUWAIT, Feb 3, (Kuna): All preparations for the holding of the second Arab Conference on Aviation Culture have been completed, assistant director of the public relations department at the Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC) Ibtisam Al Abdul Razzak said.

The KAC official said the twoday conference is due to be held here tomorrow.

Abdul Razzak told Kuna that the conference is going to discuss the future challenges facing Arab aviation in the 90s and the best means for spreading aviation culture in the Arah world.

During the conference, lec-tures would be delivered by representatives of international airlines companies and Araband foreign astronauts, the official

#### The chancery of the **Embassy of Finland has** moved.

The new address is: Surra, Block No.4, Street No.1, House No.8. Postal address is: P.O. Box 26699, 13127, Safat, Kuwait. Telephone No. 5312890, telefax 5324198 and telex 44948.



Houti tours markets

Minister of Public Works, Abdul Rahman Al Houti announced yesterday that the Amir Souk (market) in Kuwait City will be opened at the beginning of next month during the National Day calebrations. After touring the market yesterday, Houti said that the contractor promised

to comolete all construction work in one month's time. the market consists of 84 shops, a diwaniya, two public cates and a post office Houti said that the nature of the old merket will be maintained as people with professions will be allotted the shops. The minister also said that the ministry has received offers for the construction of the Gharaballi and vegetables, fruits, and fish merkets in Kuwait City. He said that the allocations made for the construction are KD4.5 million =

project in Al Qurain area. Sheikh Ibrahim elso inspected somefarms in Wafra agricultural

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## Official information channels impede research: experts

System for every Arab nation proposed

A NUMBER of information specialists and experts who participated in a seminar in Kuwait recently, stressed he is non to undertake scientific research and studies.

Nabila Hamza, a researcher at the information centre of Arab League in Tunis, said that the Arab world has appreciated the importance of official information, but lacks bases of compilanon and retrieval of such informa-

Providing of official informations by Arab governments has strong political dismensions which often give false and misleading information and statistics in the Arab world are not subjected to scientific methods of accounting, Hamza said. Thus, Arab researchers will welcome accurate and undisguised information on which they can base their studies, she added. Hamza said that Arab countries have demonstrated strong inclination to establish national policies for infor-

mation and to establish information banks as well as documentation centres. She said: "Each Arab country should institute a national system for information including estabishment of an Arab information network."

She added that Arah reseachers face several problems in conducting research due to the large number of libraries, scattering of sources for obtaining official information,

Also speaking on the issue, lobal Al Ethaimeen, information specialist at the National Information Centre of the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (Kisr) said that the centre can easily access information from USA and Europe through its connections with information hanks in these countries. Paradoxically, she said that they face problems in getting informa-

documents and publications

tion from Kuwait itself. She added that ministries and establishments in Kuwait are not obliged to deposit information in the centre. This leads to confusion in undertaking research and is a prime cause for overlapping of such research. Survey

The centre undertook a field survey of ministries and establishments and reported defects in producing and storing of information and the seminar that was held at Kisr was an effort to address these problems and suggest

recommendations.

She said that getting non-official information is far easier than obtaining it through official channels. She added that some officials justify their rejection to provide official information by claiming that such information is secret. "Information provided by the state should be authentic." Ethaimeen said and added that "ministries have now come to realise the importance of establishing informaAlso speaking on the subject. Dr Rashed Al Uwaish, director of Public Health Department at the Ministry of Public Health said there has been a marked increase in concern from the beginning of 1980 to establish intermation centres. While there is selfficient information on birth and deaths, some problems are expenenced in obtaining medical and health information and attributed this to be the reason many researchers fail in

## Saudis ban Thai workers

(Continued from Page 1) prayers in a public square in the city of Dammam.

The Saudi anger against Bangkok has been heightened by the fact that another embassy employee, Third Secretary Abdullah Al Maliki was assassinated a year earlier in the Thai capital and the Thai police have not come up with any clues to the mur-

ders.
The Saudi newspaper Asharq Al Awsai said in a report today that the same pistols that killed Maliki were used in this week's murders. Quoting unidentified Thai police sources, the paper said that while witnesses claimed seeing an Arab-lonking person shooting, the criminal may not necessarily be Arab.

Because the murdered Sandis were connected with this person.

connected with visa processing. That police investigators this time as in the case of Maliki believed that the assassination was carried out by local job placement agents frustrated over problems gaining entry visas for the ngdom. Police are investigating a possible

connection between the murder of the three and the killing of anotherthe three and the killing of another. Saudi diplomat a year ago, the interior minister said.

Police began a widespread scarch lawby for two gummen who yesterday short white dead the three diplomats.

Two gunmen were responsible for the shontings and there were witnes-

the shontings and there were witnesses to both of them, although no arrests had been made, Lt Col Wiboon Bangthamai said.

Interior Minister Banharn Sipla-Archa said on state-owned Radio Thailand that police were probing a link between the killings and that of Al Maiki a year ago.

link between the killings and that of Al Maliki a year ago.

Al Maliki was responsible for processing visa applications from the tens of thousands of Thais who travel to work in Saudi Arabia each year.

His murider has not been solved but police investigators said at the time that some job placement agents were unhappy about Al Maliki's strict application of regulations when processing visas for Thai work-

All Extra police were sent to Bangkok's Don Muang airport yesterday to leave Thailand by air, security officials said.

They said the motive for the murders was not known, but be did not think they were politically inspired.
Thais, estimated at 140,000, make

k p.7 up one of the large foreign communidiki strong expatriate labour force in the commercial and tourism ries with Saudi Arabia.

The deputy interior minister's in a statement would be a blow to the true. That labour market and the hard and a currency earnings of the Asian coun-

Despite the reports of a labour visa vendetta, neither the Thai police sources quoted in the Saudi papers of nor the Saudi statements of condemand nation have ruled out international

## Yacht search

AL SEYASSAH has reported that a number of citizens in Failaka island have started a campaign to search for the yacht "Al Siddig" that disappeared on 20/1/1990 carrying three lordanian nationals (two brothers and their brother in law). People of Failaka searched the sea area bet-

ween Failaka island and Aryaq area. The father of two brothers believed that his sons and their brother in law lost their way and went to a neighbouring state. He appealed to officials in Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Iran to respond to his calls and notify him about their fate.

Al Seyassah learn that the Iranian embassy in Kuwait sent a cable to relevant authorities in Iran inquiring about the yacht and the three youths. The embassy is still waiting for the reply.

#### Accidents

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ONE man died and thirteen others were injured in the course of eight traffic accidents which occurred yesterday in the country according to the Interior Ministry's Public Rela-

at the Capital Governorate, one at Hawalli and six in Ahmadi.



Abbas Ayub Shaikh Died on 2-2-90 Body will be flown to Bombay today

Inserted by Yusuf Shaikh & Brothers (Defence)



#### Administrative course for police officers

Under the auspices of the undersecratary of the ministry of interior Major General Yusuf Bader Al Khorafi, the third administrative and financial training course was concluded yesterdey at the premises of Police

The graduation ceremony was attended by the assistant undersecretary for police affairs Major General Mohammed Al Oabandl, the assistant undersecretary at Kuwait Audit Bureau Salman Belal, the director general of police college Brigadier Khaled Al Munayes and a number of senior officials at the ministry. The course was attended by 23 officers with three from the ministry of Dafence and three from Yeman Arab Republic lasted for six weeks.

The director of the police officers training Institute Lieutenant Colonel Ibrahim Al Nghaimish made a speech at the ceremony in which he confirmed the importance of this training course for the upgrading of trainees in the police related activitias.

In conclusion Major General Khorafi and Major General Qabandi distributed certificates to the graduates. Pictures show Major General Khorafi and a senior official at the ministry of interior with tha graduates above and giving away the certificates (below).

## Philippines Embassy corner

## Things are looking up in RP economy

ON 25 January, Pres. Aquino marked her 57th birthday with a flying visit to Catbalogan City to launch initial projects funded by the Philippine Assistance Programme (PAP), the multi-billion dollar International Aid Plan by the US to help boost Philippine economic recovery. The Samar projects consists of livelihood programmes desigalligned with the PI billion Samar Island Development Programme. The project involves sea-weed culture, ice-making, boat-building, and other fishing facilities.

Aquino was joined by Ambassadors of at least 5 PAP-Donor Countries: the US, Canada, France, Australia, and Japan, as well as members of her Cabinet.

Pres. Aquino approved the setting-up of a P2.5 billion "Abot-Kaya Pabahay Fund" to be constituted thru a yearly funding of P500-million from the national government to promote construction of more low-cost bouses to ment to promote construction of more low-cost bouses to be available for low-income families in 14 regions of the country. In signing Republic Act No. 6346, she said that setting up of the Fund will make housing loans affordable thru interim amortization support. It will also generate low-cost bousing thru development loans, and ensure continuity of bousing loan programmes through the reduction of risks to funders. Eligible borrowers will be granted bousing loans with low amortization rates for the

EEC Commissioner Abel Matutes and DFA Secretary Manglapus signed the Financing Agreement for the Southern Mindanao Agricultural Programme (SMAP) representing the latest major EC development grant for the Philippines.

"The majority of American companies established in the Philippines have not changed their plans for expansion and new investments despite the bloody abortive coup last month," Mark Blacker, head of the American Chamber of Commerce and Plankers and their plans for expansion and plankers and their plans of the American Chamber of Commerce and Plankers and their plans of the American Chamber of Commerce and Plankers and their plans of the American Chamber of Commerce and Plankers and their plans of the American Chamber of Commerce and Plankers and their plans of the American Chamber of the American Chambe Commerce said. Blacker said that in a recent survey of 68 member-companies, 48 said they had expansion plans before the coup bid and that 43 said they were still pushing through with these plans. He said this would lead to about P8.6 billion (US\$389 m) in new investments which would

go mostly into manufacturing and trade.
"The country's electronic industry is today's fastes! foreign exchange-earner and is now among the top-non-traditional exports. Andrew Sevilla, President of the Electronic Association of the Philippines reported. Hesaid that export earnings from semi-conductors alone reached US\$12.07 billion in 1988 as against US\$72 million in 1976. Last year, the industry posted an 11.1 per cent incre foreign revenues, bringing aggregate earnings to USS919 million from the previous year's US\$827.46 million. The industry's remarkable showing can be attributed to the influx of electronics manufacturers into the country's

Pres. Aquino reduced the tariffs on imported buses and parts, motor vehicle spare parts, and shipping vessel parts in efforts to ease the transport problem. The president also announced the reduction of tariffs on farm machinery and inputs to bring down the production cost and increase productivity; and the reduction of tariffs on step-voltage regulators and power transformers to improve power service and lower power costs. Aquino said she lowered the tariffs on 104 items primarily on transport, through Nanonal Emergency Memo Order No. 8. She said the tariff cuts, averaging 10 per cent will be effective until June this year. The president said the lowering of the tariffs will ease the transport crisis by helping mass transport operators put more vehicles on the road and at sea.

The Board of Investments (BOI) approved the P3.2 billion project of Toyota for the manufacture in the Philippines of motor-vehicle transmissions mainly for export to Japan. The transmission plant, which is expected to be operational by 1992, is classified as an ASEAN industrial project. As such, its production will be subject to lower duties when exported to other Toyota car assemblers in the ASEAN region. According to Henry Moran, President of the Philippine Automotive Federation Inc., Toyota's P3.2 billion project is part of the P5 billion total investments committed by the participants to the country's Car-Development Programme for 1990. "The Toyota transmission plant will be set up outside Metro-Manila and would take at least 18 months to construct. Moran added. The project will be majority-owned by Toyota Motor Corporation of Japan with the local Toyota sub-sidiary, Toyota Motor Philippines owning at least 10 per cent of the equity.

The Board of Investments (BOI) has pledged its full

support to Norkis Trading Group (NTG) in achieving its goal to manufacture an all-Filipino motorcycle in the country by 1992. DTI Undersecretary Tomas Alcantara, t BOt Vice Chairman, said that adequate incentives will be given to Cebu-based motorcycle parts and components' producers to accelerate the realization of a

Ernesto Abolitiz, National Power Corporation (NAPOCOR) President, said that the Philippines' energy supply is expected to stabilize with the completion of the ambitious nationwide energy interconnection by 1995. Aboitiz said that the Negros-Panay interconnection will be completed in March this year, while the Cebu-Negros be completed in March this year, while the Ccoll-negros interconnection is due for completion in 1992. He also said that they are now negotiating for a loan with the World Bank to finance the Leyte-Luzon grid interconnection.

Aurebo Periquet Jr, President of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said that the visit next month of top-level Japanese businessmen is an indication of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said that the visit next month of top-level Japanese businessmen is an indication

of renewed investors' confidence in the Philippines. Periquet said the decision of the Japanese group, led by top officials of the different private sector business groups in Japan, will lead to increased economic co-operation between Japan and the Philippines. He urged the government to launch more investment-promotion missions abroad to counter the "Wait-and-See" attitude of these foreign

Three more big projects costing P204 million have been approved by the Board of Investments (BOI): production of hard gelatin capsules, production of steel, and expansion of tourist-transport facilities. Filgel Industries Inc., classified under new pioneer status is putting up a P75 million venture to produce 560 million pieces of hard gelatin capsules per year. The firm will start its commercial operation in January 1991. The F67.55 million project to produce steel in Bulacan will be undertaken by Acutech Steel and Service Center Inc. which is 60 per cent owned by

Filipino and 40 per cent by Japanese investors.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) reported that despite the major economic and political disturbances which hit the country last year, securities-trading shot up by a hefty 131.5 per cent from sales of only P3 billion in 1988 to P90.2 billion. In a memo to the Commis sion through Associate Commissioner Armando Z. Gonzales, SEC's Securities Investment Specialist Dante C. Arnobit reported that the "upturn is traced to the renewed confidence of investors, both local and foreign, as indicated by the significant sales impovement in both the primary and secondary markets."

To fight poverty in the rural areas, the Philippines and the Federal Republic of Germany launched the "Integrated Development Project in Bondoc Peninsula." Secretary of Foreign Affairs Raul Manglapus and West German Amh. Peter Scholz signed the Technical Assistance Agreement for the first project phase which is scheduled for 3-1/2 years with the German contribution (grant) amounting to P72 million. The Integrated Development Project aims at improving economic, social and ecological conditions of the poor rural population groups in the region. Main feature of the project is the participation of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in the project management and implementation.

Roberto Villanueva, Chairman of the Co-ordinating

Committee of the Philippine Aid Plan (PAP) said that the Philippines is to receive US\$25 million in grant funds from the US Agency for International Development as part of Washington's contribution to a Multilateral Aid Plan (MAP) for Manila. Villanueva signed with US President George Bush's special representative Elliot Richardson, an agreement for US\$20 million in grand money for use in high-priority projects. Mr Richardson also signed a Cooperation Agreement with a non-government organiza-tion (NGO), the Economic Development Foundation, to establish a US\$5 million joint private-sector pre-investment facility.

About 30 per cent of foreign investors in the stock market who backed out after the aborted coup last December, have started to come back in the last three weeks, indicating that the Philippine economy is gradually picking. This was the assessment of both the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Investment House Association of the Philippines (IHAP) in a dialogue at the Club Filipino. Francisco Dizon, President of Anscor Capital and Investment Corporation said that these investors are mostly Hong Kong-based Fund Managers which handle funds from Asia, Europe and the United States.

## Cold wave damages crops in Abdalli area

TEMPERATURES at Abdalli agricultural area registered below zero which led to serious damage to tomatoes, plants and other agricultural produce due to irrigation water flowing into pipes and channels freezing despite many precautionary measures, Khalifa Al Banwan,

the farmers representative said. Interviewed by a local daily, he indicated that agriculture under Kuwait weather conditions is not an easy task. It requires planning, management and providing various types of support and assistance in order for the sector to continue developing. He added that in addition to weather factors, agricultural blights like the white fly and viruses have caused problems which have led to crops being damaged. Banwan advised farmers to

use smooth nylon windows in comhatting hlight adding that this method has proved instrumental in combatting the white fly. He urged farmers to benefit from the experiments of the agricultural authority, par-ticularly new experiments which are being conducted currently. The new experiments conducted by the authority applied an adhesive type material on a yellow hoard which is hung inside plastic green houses. Such boards proved to be effective in

Banwan expressed hopes that the agricultural authority will exert efforts and more care in combatting hlights also to provide fairners with adequate quantities of chemicals and agricultural tools. He called upon the authority to co-ordinate efforts with neighbouring states like Saudi and Iraq to set up joint plans to combat blight particularly insects.

between states has increased in importance gradually parncularly in the fields of blights combatting.

Competition

With respect to other problems which farmers are faced with, he stated that marketmg of produce is considered one of the higgest problems due to the strong competition from imported agricultural products. He added that some of the neighbouring states pay huge sums of money to support their agricultural products, which makes locally produced commodities unable to compete. He pointed out that some of

the countries may export agricultural produce in order to obtain hard currency, Turkey and other countries belong to this category. He hoped that farmers here will receive more support from the government.

He indicated that the marketing of locally produced vegetahles and fruits has been improved by local agricultural product companies hut, they have as yet not recalled the ideal situation which all farmers look forward

Banwan stressed on the importance of imposing more taxes on imported products and proposed setting limits for qualities entering the country as a replacement resolution. He hoped that officials at the Co-operatives Union for Agricultural products will enter the marketing field in order to assist farmers.

Banwan pointed out that Abdalli agricultural area requires a branch for one of the banks in order for farmers to conduct transfers of salaries to their relatives outside Kuwait. He stated that the area requires, a dentist, and an eye specialist due to the vast increase in the number of workers and citizens particularly during official holidays.

## GCC drug course

THE second training course for GCC drug prevention apparatuses started bere yesterday and will last up to Feb 15. Kuwait News Agency (Kuna)

The agency quoted an official source saying that the training course which organised in cooperation with the French Interior Ministry will be attended by 26 officers representing the six member states of Gulf Co-

## No rise in power and water charges

Turkey water project found too expensive

extends underground waterpipes

for new huildings in old housing

areas to reduce dependence on

tankers. However, the process is gradual and it will be quite

sometime before tankers can be

seen as obsolete. He disclosed

that many owners of buildings do

not apply to have waterpipes

connected to their buildings -

although the network is near

their buildings. Commenting on the redness of drinking water in Kuwait, Min-

ayes said that there are several

factors which are causative

agents --- specially salts in water

and temperature. The ministry

has successfully overcome the problem at the Shuwaikh station

that supplies housing areas bet-

ween the 1st Ring Road and the 3rd Ring Road, including Kuwait City.

The ministry signed two con-

tracts recently to treat the

problem in water produced hy

Station. The projects will be completed by 1992 and the dis-

colouration problems will be

eradicated within the coming

Commenting on the import of

drinking water from Iraq and the

power link project between Iraq and Kuwait, he sald that consul-

tants and ministry's staff have

completed studies on the

feasibility of importing water for

domestic and irrigation pur-

million gallons of water from the

Shatt Al Arab for agricultural

purposes is being discussed.

Surveys and tests to extend

waterpipes for agriculture will

also be conducted. The power

network and the supply of water

The final report to import 200

two years, Minayes said.

Vestern Doha Station and Zour

THE Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW) has no intention for the time being to increase prices of electricity and water and is committed to meet electricity requirements of all projects envisaged in the next five-year-plan, according to Abdulla Al Minayes, undersecretary at the MEW

He added that the ministry is endeavouring to maintain uninterrupted water and power during peak summer months and all intermediate and secondary schools will be air-conditioned as of the next scholastic year.

The MEW reduced the costs of the Sihbiya Power Station project from KD350 million to KD304 million after 'fine-tun-ing' technical specifications of the project. On completion, the Sihhiya power station will contribute significantly to strengthening the electrical network in

Further, the ministry has also agreed with the Pctrochemical Industries Company to supply the power station with their needs of chloride for a period of ten years at a fixed price. This has contributed to reducing the cost of the project to KD300 million. These figures related to costs of mechanical and electrical works only and civil works and construction add up to another KD104 million, Minayes said.

Commenting on transporta-tion of water by tankers instead of pipelines, Minayes said that these tankers are necessary at the present time to supply some areas which do not have a pipe network — mainly in the old housing areas. However, the ministry is seeking to provide other model areas with water through the underground networks, according to the latest

Qatari Amir, Mitterrand discuss ME

peace process PARIS, Fcb 3, (Kuna): The peace process in the Gulf, developments of the Middle East conflict and the situation in Lebanon, were among the main

items of discussion between the Amir of Qatar Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani and President Francois Mitterrand In a written statement to the press after the 45 minute meeting, an official Qatari source said the two leaders stressed the need to exert more efforts to convert the ceasefire between Iraq and

Iran into a comprehensive settlement as stipulated by Security Council Resolution 598. Sheikh Khalifa, the statement said, reviewed with President Mitterrand the outcome of the tenth Gulf Co-operation Sum-

mit, especially those concerning Euro-Arah dialogue. The two leaders also discuss the outcome of the Euro-Arab conference, which was held here in December hy an initiative of President Mitterrand, underlining the need to continue the dialogue between the two groups.

On the Middle East conflict, the statement said France and Qatar have a convergent point of view on the need for convoking international peace conference to be attended by all concerned parties, including the PLO.

"The two sides express support to the contacts meant to reconcile Palestinian and Israeli stands through dialogue to take place in Cairo and to be prepared in Washington in a meeting between foreign ministers of Egypt, Israel and the US," the statement

The Amir of Qatar, it added, explained the recent plots by Israel to implant Soviet Jewish immigrants in the occupied West

Bank and Gaza strip.
The two sides called on all Lebanese parties to settle their conflicts in the spirit of the Taif Agreement in the framework of the legal authority in order to restore the sovereignty and unity of their country.

technological methods.

He added that the ministry will be discussed with the forthcoming traqi delegation to

> The official went on to explain that there are four fields for brackish underground water in Sulaibiya, Shagaya, Umm Qadeer and Wafra with a total capacity of 100 million gallons a day which are used for irrigating gardens and plants along roads and house gardens.

He estimated underground water in Kuwait to be in the vienity of 24 to 54 million cubic metres. The ministry is also carrying out several projects to increase daily production of brackish water to 210 million gallons a day by 1993 to meet the projected increase demand in brackish water, the official said.

He added that there are six water distilling stations in Kuwait that have a total production capacity of 254 million gallons a day. This covers the average of daily consumption of drinking water in Kuwait and the ministry is constantly striving to provide supplies of fresh water for citizens under any given circumstances.

The ministry built ground water reservoirs that have a total storage capacity of 1,888 million gallons and this capacity will be increased in the future to 2,620 million gallons. The ministry has also begun a project to change the present asbestos underground waterpipes with ductile pipes according to the latest specifications and these projects are to be carried out in four stages and to be completed in Dec 1993, Minayes said.

Commenting on the Peace Waterpipe Project to import water from Turkey, he said that the project was studied in-depth and in the final analysis it was found to be very expensive.



Mitterrand (r) with the Amir of Oatar during their meeting at the Elysee Palace.

**Kuwait praised** 

KUWAIT, Feb 3, (Kuna): Minister of Defence of the People's Democrate Republic of Yemen Brigadier Saleb Obeid has praised the historical relations with Kuwait that have developed in different

Speaking to "Homat At Watan" magazine of the Kuwaiu armed forces, Saleh said results of his talks here, which 100k place last month, were positive and of great success and have accomplished their goals in the military and other fields.

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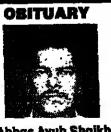
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Letters to the editor

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HISTORY is, indeed, little more than the register of the crimes, foliles and misfortunes of mankind - Edward Gibbon, English historian (1737-11794).

## US forces in Asia, Pacific

## Reductions to be measured

MANILA, (Reuter): The United States has begun reducing force levels in Asia and the Pacific, but the disengagement will be measured and more gradual than in Europe, diplomats and defence

"I would expect from the United States that adjustments of our military presence in the area would take place very moderately and in very close consultation with our friends and allies in the region," said Stephen Bosworth, a former US ambassador to the Philippines and current president of the US-Japan Foundation.

Whatever happens, one does not want to abruptly leave a vacuum in the region, because such a vacuum could be perceived by both foreign and domestie investors as a potential source of instability," Bosworth said during a visit to Manila this week.

US Defence Secretary Dick Cheney will visit Japan, South Korea and the Philippines during a trip from Fehruary 11-23 to discuss with allies possible cuts in US forces in the region.

Diplomats said these could include the withdrawal of marines from Japan and some troops from South Korea and the eventual

closure of the large Clark Air Base in the Philippines.

Talks on the future of Clark and the US naval base at Subic Bay in the Philippines are scheduled to begin in March or April. Some members of the Philippine Senate are urging either a phase-out or immediate removal when the US lease expires in September, 1991. Washington regards Clark and Subic, its two largest military

bases outside US soil, as playing a crucial role in the defence of the Indian and Pacific Ocean regions. It wants the lease on them extended, if possible for at least 10 years.

"Anything less then 10 years makes it difficult to plan and appropriate funds for necessary improvements," said US Congressman Jim Kolbe, a member of the House appropriations military construction subcommittee who visited Clark and Suhie last

The United States currently has about 50,000 troops and servicemen stationed in Japan, 45,000 in South Korea and 14,700 in the Philippines, according to US figures.

Chency has announced that US Air Force operations at three

South Korean-controlled bases will end by mid-1992 and more than 2.000 servicemen will be withdrawn from there as part of worldwide budgetary cuts in US defence spending.

Technical improvements will also mean a reduction in some

personnel at Clark and a naval communications centre at San Miguel in the Philippines, according to US ambassador in Manila, Nicholas Platt.

#### Minor

But the cuts are minor compared to the radical troop reductions proposed by President George Bush in Europe. Chency was quoted by Tokyo media as telling a senior Japanese defence agency official that the United States has no plans to cut forces in Japan, the Pentagon's regional command.

Before Cheney's Asian tour, the Soviet Ambassador to the Philippines, Oleg Solkov, urged the United States to respond to unilateral Soviet force reductions in Asia, including withdrawal of MiG 23 fighters and TU-16 long-range bombers from the Soviet base at Cam Ranh Bay in Vietnam.

He said in a speech to Filipino businessmen that the Soviet Pacific fleet had been cut by 57 ships and submarines between 1984 and 1989 and called on the United States to agree to talks on reducing

Referring to the series of US military bases across the Pacific rim, Solokov said that "the rationale for keeping the huge network of military presence in the area set up at the height of the cold war, which is no longer there, is rapidly eroding."

#### Capability

US officials respond by saying the Soviet attack capability in the Pacific has not diminished and that US forces in the region are there to help allies and not just to defend US interests against the Soviet Union.

Kolbe, at a recent briefing for reporters in Manila, noted the build-no of Indian naval strength and said there was a continuing threat from countries like China and Vietnam as well as the Soviet

Asian diplomats said Japan and several Southeast Asian countries would not welcome a radical reduction in US presence in the region.,

Singapore has offered to host some US military facilities if they cannot remain in the Philippines.

Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Mayumi Moriyama said on

Wednesday that Tokyo might voluntarily increase spending on US troops stationed in Japan. Japan already pays half the cost for the 50,000 US troops there.
South Korean officials said cuts other than those already

announced are bound to follow." (But) the US realises that what is happening in Europe cannot be carbon-copied in Asia," said a senior government official in Seoul.

## **TODAY IN HISTORY**

1536 — France's King Francis I conquers Savoy and occupies Turin, also signs French alliance with Turkey's Sultan

1585 — France's King Henry III refuses sovereignty of the Netherlands. 1783 - Hostilities end between United States and England.

1874 - British forces under Garnet Wolseley burn Kumasi, Ghana, ending Ashanti war.

1899 — Filipinos stage revolt against United States because independence is not granted.

1922 - Japan agrees to restore Shantung to China. 1938 — Germany's Adolf Hitler assumes office of war minister and names Joachim von Ribbentrop as foreign minister.

1948 — Ceylon becomes self-governing dominion in British Commonwealth. 1961 — Terrorist attacks break out in Portuguese African

territory of Angola. 1969 — China's Charge d'Affaires in Netherlands, Liao Ho-Shu, arrives in United States and requests political asylum. 1972 - Britain and nine other nations recognise East Pakistan

as independent nation of Bangladesh. 1973 - Jordan's King Hussein rules out bostilities with Israel and says he will seek US president Richard Nixon's help in

easing crisis in Middle East. 1986 - Group of hard-line Arab leaders, meeting in Libya, threaten anti-American violence "within the United States and

throughout the world."

1989 — UN Security Council is asked to extend UN Iran-Iraq military observer group through September 30.



Demonstrators hold up placards after the announcement unbanning the ANC. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Reform dividends start to flow in

## De Klerk crosses the Rubicon

WASHINGTON, (Reuter): Although South Africa's dramatic new

moves toward ending apartheid are

drawing praise in the United States, officials and private experts say more progress is needed before four-year-

President F.W. De Klerk has gone

further than his predecessors in con-

vincing American critics of his com-mitment to reform, the critique runs,

but his gestures fall short of meeting

conditions set by the US Congress for removing the penalties set in 1986. "I view it (the South Africa

African National Congress and its imprisoned leader, Nelson Mandela, would be freed.

"De Klerk has removed the first bricks in the wall of apartheid," said

South Africa.

old economic sanctions are lifted.

CAPE TOWN, (Reuter): President F.W. de Klerk has crossed the Rubicon of apartheid reform that defeated his predecessor and the rewards are already beginning to flow

The second secon

De Klerk began in his speech to Partiament on Friday to make the concessions that his autocratic predecessor, P.W. Botha, could never bring himself to make.

Speaking on the first anniversary of his election as leader of the ruling white National Party and after six months as president, De Klerk unbanned 36 opposition groups including the African National Congress (ANC).

Reforms He also promised to free black nationalist Nelson Mandela from jail soon and announced a range of reforms that have long been demanded by South Africa's 27 million voteless blacks.

De Klerk appeared largely to meet the international expectations that Botha disappointed in August 1985, when he said in a disastrous speech that he had "crossed

The world judged that Botha had in fact turned back at the Rubicon and his speech set the South African rand tumbling against world currencies and prompted inter-national banks to call in loans to South Africa. Debilitating ecocomic sanctions followed as Botha con-

tinued to resist real political reform and hundreds of foreign companies withdrew from South Africa. Botha's Rubicon speech became the turning point of his 10-year career and resulted eventually in his defeat last

vear career and resulted eventually in his defeat last year by De Klerk, who has proved to be a more courageous reformer.

Rubicon

"I think De Klerk has crossed the Rubicon. He has certainly gone right out into the deep," said Professor John Barratt of Johannesburg University's Institute for International Affairs.

"The same and resulted eventually in his defeat last immediate action."

Sanction

Thinsanta. a Washington hasted against South Africar, was unusually positive about De Klerk's amouncement that a 30-year-old ban would be lifted on the black nationalist.

"There is going to be very wide applause. It is going to have a very positive effect on South Africa's international relations," he said.

Western diplomats acknowledged that De Klerk had gone much further than any of them expected and said their governments would be obliged now to support his

This speech demands a response both from the West and from the ANC, which is going to have to revise its

tactics," one diplomat said.

Anti-government cleric Archbishop Desmond Tutu
commended De Klerk for his courage in instituting "I want to give him very considerable credit. He has not

given us everything, but be has gone a very long way along the road," Tutu told a news conference. Barratt said he expected the US administration would re-examine its anti-apartheid sanctions and bold off on further economic measures against Pretoria.

European governments might be slower to repeal exist-

ing measures against apartheid, but they would have to review plans for further punitive restrictions on trade with

He said British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher probably would accept an invitation to become the first Western head of government to visit South Africa since

talks and accolades have started to pour in from Europe and Africa, with Zambian Presiden! Kenneth Kaunda complementing him on "a job well started." Kaunda is the head of southern Africa's important

Thatcher has already invited De Klerk to Britain for

#### decision) positively and I think most people around the world will," President George Bush told repor-Io an effort to pressure South Africa toward scuttling its system of racial segregation, Congress, after a bitter partisan fight, in 1986 passed the sanctions over then-president He said the changes announced on Friday in Pretoria could mean a re-

Ronald Reagan's veto.

They include a ban on new loans to

Gestures still fall short

Nevertheless, Robinson added,

"we must keep sanctions in place and demonstrate a willingness to go even

further if the De Klerk government refuses at any point to follow through on their commitment to negotiate with the black majority."

De Klerk's liberalising steps also opened the door to negotiation between the black majority population and the white minority-led government.

Pressure

the South African government and South African businesses, a ban on imports of South African iron, coal, sterd uranium and textiles, a ban on exports to South Africa of crude oil, petroleum products and weapons and bans oo US and South African airlines landing in each other's coun-

tries.

Bush has opposed efforts to add to those sanctions, saying the ones ineffect did not work. But since taking office he and his

representative members of the black majority without preconditions. All four must be met to lift sanc-

forging a more bipartisan policy. Last October, his administration admitted sanctions helped stimulate

"new thinking" in Pretoria and said it would look at tougher penalties unless De Klerk — who had recently

taken office — took action to end apartheid by June 1990.

Optimistic

From the beginning; US officials were optimistic De Klerk would be a

new kind of leader.

But State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler, while
praising his offer of negotiations as
courageous, said he still had not ful-

filled the criteria stipulated by Congress for the president to lift sano-

These include the release of Man-dela and all other political prisoners,

tration Act, agreement to enter into good faith negotiations with truly

frontline nations - six black countries championing Africa's fight against South Africa's white minority rule.

Mandela's wife, Winnie, a prominent activist in her own
right, said after hearing about De Klerk's speech: "We are not prepared to accept a bone with no meat."

She said De Klerk should have ended the three-year-old.

national state of emergency and 40 years of enforced racial

egregation.

But young blacks in Cape Town and Johannesburg appeared to differ as they took to the streets in a spontan-cous celebration that was not seen even when De Klerkreleased several top ANC leaders from prison late last

chief's ideal was to be "an all-knowing commander,

truthful... courageous to the most extreme limits."

always the perfect gentleman," the teacher added.

Geagea steadily increased his authority following the 1982 assassination of the charismatic Bashir

Gemayel, who founded the LF out of disparate

Christian militias.

"Despite what they say about his violence, he was

## **Appalling statement**

SIR: I have read with considerable dismay a. news item that appeared in your newspaper under the heading, "Pakistanis urged to help poor back home."

Although I have no reasons to doubt the good intentions of the president of the Pakistan People's Club, Kuwait, and the learned gathering of the members, the statement that was

issued is outrightly appalling.

It is quite obvious that the association president and its members have explicitly demonstrated a complete absence of the knowledge of progressive democratic trends in contemporary sociolinguistic politics. The present-time tendency is to avoid and discard the use of all such words that imply an inequality of power-relations among people and are basically degrading in connotation. For example, the use of the word "servant" is not permissible in sophisticated and mature discourage it has been substituted for heart the discourse; it has been substituted for by the phrases "domestic helper." The idea is to emphasise the function of a person rather than the negative social stigma that we so emphatically attach to certain groups of people in a society.

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Considering this perspective, it is inexcusable for the president of the People's Club in Kuwait to use the term "poor Pakistanis". It would have been acceptable if the club president had used the phrase "economically deprived people of Pakistan". Such a term would stress the elements of "deprivations" (they can be deliberate or the result of continued political mismanagement) rather, than the egotistical emphasis of socio-economic differences and the accompanying inevitable superiority—inferiority complexes. Words are important; they are the mirror-reflections of human thoughts and feelings. Progressive and sensitive people reading the news in question may just tifiably conclude that the Kuwait's People A. Club and its president are still out-of-fooding with a proper perspective on Pakistant political with a contents of the statement, such a contents of the statement. deliberate or the result of continued political is not far-fetched: "Allifer and lo ano thought steer a summon see a great service information

country as well as Islam" is also extranscontinue impertment; it suffers from arsimilar ischnot impertinent; it smilers from a remothed actions and extending of the Islamic political decisions. Islam postulates a welfare state (Inocatalism economic groups are based on equality, particularly so in the area of psychological parameters. The focus is on the idea (rather ideology) that economic differences among people must not lead to the psychology of superiority and inferiority. Consequently, it is the state's responsibility to care for the geographs. the state's responsibility to care for the economically deprived and needy people. The essence and the undercurrents of this notion are to make sure that an Islamic society does not directly create groups or institutions of the "givers" and the "receivers"; that would be directly contrary to Islamie norms. It is in this context that the notion of zakat makes the most humanistic sense. The "receivers" benefit 'directly from the state's institutional fundeand are not subjected to asloss of integrity much dignity; neither do the "givers" feel morally superior, elevating their "egos" perniciously

and preposterously.

Charity is forbidden in Islam; the origin of charitable organisations was conceived in the reactionary colonial mind with the aim to humiliate natives. It is the concept of generosity that is fundamental to Islamie teachings with explicit forbiddance to indulge in ego elevation. The charity that Noor seems to be advocating, or at least in the manner it is being advocated, is too close to the ego elevation syndrome to be considered seriously in this time and age. It is simply outdated and undignified. In addition, Noor has not identified what kind of long-term or permanent economic institution is likely to emerge out of this suggestion. With no offence to the People's Cluh and its officials, this seems like an indulgence in the usual rbetorical redundance—an attempt at looking good and abole. Words do not resolve national problems; serious thinking does. People have to get short on rhetoric and long on deeds.

Another problem with the Pakistan People's

Club statement is the call for the unity of all Pakistanis. It is not clear what is intended by this call. Democracy is not politically partisan by its nature; the fundamental notion in democratic cognition is the flourishing elements of diversity, both in ideals and ideas as well as in the fundamental political infrastructure at various levels of society. I see no reason why all Pakistanis must belong to one particular pobtical association or units under one specific social or political leadership. In fact, diversity can greatly enrich and enhance the process of political maturity for Pakistan, given the assumption that all groups and their respective members maintain respect for others and allow each other freedom of expression. My feelings are that Noor's position is that leadership for the Pakistani community in Kuwait must be consolidated in one identity. Quite frankly, there are no justifiable grounds for this kind of demand.

It is hoped that the Pakistani embassy staff will continue to serve the Pakistani public and not assume a bi-partisan political role. Dr Haider Mehdi,

Kuwait University.

## 5-day week

SIR: Now that the government is talking about the 5-day work week I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for the idea.

There are several good reasons for the adoption of this practice. By simply adding about 45 minutes to the work day, families could have more time to relax and enjoy each other. For the modern Kuwaiti family where both parents modern Kuwaiti family where both parents usually work outside the home and children have studies and outside activities there is precious bitle time together.

As a working mother I would rather be home with my children Thursday morning and I'm willing to make the sacrifice necessary. As for my husband who works two jobs 6 days a week, he wants to spend time with us and yet he needs time to himself for personal activities and we still have to keep up with the in-laws. We all know the social scientific findings in the importance of fathers role in family life for well behaved and happy children.

It's time for the change. I call upon the responsible authorities to vote yes to the 5-day work week for the health and happiness of the Kuwaiti family.

Celiste Snyder Kuwait

## Geagea battles for survival

BEIRUT, (Reuter): Lebanon's Christian warlord Samir Geagea is battling for survival in east Beirut's shell-blasted streets.

After seizing the leadership of the Lebanese Forces militia in a bloody coup against his former friend Eile Hobeika in 1986, Geagea turned the LF into the strongest private army in Lebanon.

A tall, moustachied man constantly surrounded

by bodyguards, Geagea's state-within-a-state pobcies have run head on into those of his arch-

Christian rival, army General Michel Aoun.

Aoun considers himself the only legitimate strongman and tax collector in the Christian The general's attempts to disarm and disband the

LF led this past week to some of the most vicious battles witnessed in Beirut in 15 years of civil war. At least 145 people have been killed in three days of inter-Christian fighting.
"If the operation is to wipe out the LF, this will

not happen and I will not allow it to happen.". Geagea said. Until September 1988 when Aoun was named to

run an interim government, Geagea, 37, was master of the enclave, levying taxes from ports and residents and introducing social schemes ranging from funding heart surgery and school books to running a fleet of buses. Bullt

Geagea built up the LF into a 10,000-strong force backed by 200 tanks, beavy artillery and support weapons to counter the Muslim threat but the guns were turned inwards when the two Christian leader's differences proved irreconcilable.

Geagea enfuriated Aoun by refusing to support him against the Syrian-backed, internationallyrecognised government of President Elias Hrawi. Outgoing president Amin Gemayel named Aoun as interim leader in 1988 after parliament failed to elect a new head of state.

Aithough Geagea advocates replacing Lebanon's

estimated at \$50 million a year.

current confessional system with a federal one, he has not publicly opposed an Arab-sponsored peace pact rejected by Aoun. The general, starved of funds by his Muslim foes

in west Beirut who control the Central Bank, also turned covetous eyes on the militia's tax income, Until Aoun's rise to power, Geagea was for many of the enclave's 900,000 Maronite Christians their only hope against feared domination by Syria which has 40,000 troops in Lebanon.

But Geagea has lost popularity to the charismatic Aoun, whose hardline stance against concessions and the Syrians has won him the hearts and minds of Maronites who believed their community to be

under threat of the more numerous Muslims. Geagea's polite manners belie his reputation as a hardened warlord intent on keeping power regardless of the consequences.

His followers call him the doctor, a concession to

his years as a medical student, although he left the

American University of Beirut before graduating.
One of Geagea's former teachers said the militia



Geagea (L) and Aoun: battling it out

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Sri Lanka - Kuwait relations

## Looking ahead to extending goodwill

SRI LANKA-Kuwan relations could not be totally isolated from the hroad spectrum of Sri Lanka-Arab world relations. The legend has it that trading communities, pearl divers and fishermen from the Arabian Peninsula arrived in "Serendib" from very early times. The word 'Serendib' is the Arabic word for Sri Lanka, which reflects the very intimate relationship which existed between Sri Lanka and the Arab

world. Serendib gave the English Language a word "Seren-dipity" meaning the "faculty of making happy and unexpected discoveries by accident" after the story of the three princesses of Serendib. Some of the Arabs who arrived in Serendib made it their bome, and according to historical evidence a branch of the Sri Lanka-Muslims came from the Arabian Peninsula. The much known story of Ihn Batuta the Arab explorer of (1304-1377 AD) landing in the southern coast of Sri Lanka is one of the landmarks in the ethno-history of Sri Lanka. Ibn Batuta: even undertook pilgrimages to Sri-pada (Adams Peak) making Sri Lanka a site of italigious veneration, for Arabs. lesigoio Relationship

The Sri Lankans, too, may have travelled along the famed Silk Route both overland and by sea, to the Arab world in the days, when it was an important trading centre with the Orient, China, Africa, India and Sri Lanka. The British who had their influence in the major part of Asia, in the 18th and 19th centuries engaged themselves in hilateral trade between the Arahian' Peninsula- and the countries in South Asia. From pace, and, the religious ties in

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the early part of the 18th cen-tury, the commercial ties of the Arab world with Sri Lanka were on a barter basis.

A relationship based on trade, commerce and ethnicreligious and linguistic exchanges developed, over-the years. to one of singular-relations with the emergence of different states in the Arabian Peninsula, Kuwait being one of

During Sheikh Mubarak's reign in Kuwait warebouses and customs facilities were made and this enhanced the import of spices, pearls, precious stones and coffee from Sri Lanka. There is evidence that, since the early permanent settlements in Kuwait, there have been trading between the two countries in spices, incense, coffee, vegetables and gems while periodically fishermen wbo were well-versed in pearl diving went to Sri Lanka for pearl fishing. The elderly Kuwaitis, used to relate stories of the adventures of their old generations in pearl diving in the north-western coast of Sri Lanka and the east coast of Sri Lanka. There were trading missions which called on the Kotte and the Kandyan Kingdoms from the Arabian world. Although there is no mention of Kuwait in them these missions influenced the trade in general with Kuwait.

Since the early part of the 19th century, when Sri Lanka was not independent and the State of Kuwait a protectorate, the relations between the two countries were mainly governed by the foreign rulers. However, with the assistance of Muslims in Sri Lanka the trade between the two countries kept



existence. The Arabic language and the study of the Holy Quran were other factors in common with the Muslims and

the Kuwaiti society.
Relations between the two countries under the foreigners received a boost with the exploration of oil in Kuwait in early 20th century.

When Kuwait won independence, Sri Lanka was one of the first countries to recognise ber, strengthening the existing ties. The development of the hilateral ties was accelerated with independence and there

were visits of the ministers to both countries. Sri Lanka became an impor-

tant member of the Non-Alig-ned Movement and she hosted the 5th summit in Colombo, in 1976, and Kuwait was one of the 86 countries, represented at this summit. Sri Lanka was one of the countries which always backed the Arah cause and this stance was one of the reasons for Kuwait's special relationsbip. Sri Lanka's dynamic foreign policy and ber support of the Palestinian struggle was another factor in this strong bond. Successive governments followed a steadfast policy of support of the Arabs in general. and Palestine in particular.

Support government of Sri Lanka severed connections with the Israelis in 1972 and allowed the setting up of a Palestine Liberation Organisation office in Colombo. This office was later upgraded to an embassy, and the government has categorically stated their unequivocal support for the Palestinian statchood. Sri Lanka is one of the first countries to recognise the State of Palestine. This policy is a common bondage hetween Sri Lanka and Kuwait.

At the United Nations and the Non-Aligned meetings the two countries have followed a common stand on most issues, both countries being in the Third World, Both countries bave supported the North-South dialogue and the South-South dialogue.

In keeping with this policy, Kuwait government has given aid to Sri Lanka, mainly the irrigation projects, the Mahaweli; through the Kuwait Fund for Arah Economic Development.

With the oil boom in the petroleum exporting countries, and, especially in Kuwait, there

were tremendous infrastructural development projects. Sri Lankans were quick to take this opportunity, to arrive in Kuwait to take up employment. The close foreign policy was one of the reasons for the employment of Sri Lankans in all these sectors.

The first Sri Lankan professionals to be employed in Kuwait took up assignments in the hanking and commercial sectors. They contributed vastly to enliven these economic nerve centres. Then came the medical, academic, engineering, agricultural and technical professionals. Since 1950 these professionals though few in number held very responsible posts in the State of Kuwait. Since the latter part of the 1970s, other categories started to arrive in Kuwait, swelling the Sri Lankan population con-

siderably.

The bilateral trade which was at a low-ebb developed with the better understanding between the two countries. Since 1975 while Sri Lanka continued importing gas and oil, Kuwait was importing tea spices, vegetables, dessicated coconut, coir products and ceramic tiles among other com-

The political leadership of both countries have visited each other's country and trade and investment delegations too have done so during the past fifteen years.

The establishment of an Embassy of Sri Lanka in the State of Kuwait in 1982 was a landmark in this long-standing relationship.

The two countries are now looking forward to extend the goodwill built, to other areas to further strengthen the already



#### Message from H.E. the President R. Premadasa

TODAY, the February 4, 1990, is the 42nd anniversary of Sri Lanka's national independence. Four decades is not a great length of time, especially in relation to our record history of well over 2,500 years. However, what is more important is that these years of independence have been very eventful. We have, in this time, stabilised and promoted a democratic system of government. We have tried to give our people a better and more fulfilling life.

Sri Lanka is a country of great natural beauty with a long cultural heritage. We are rich in resources. The island's cross-road location is one of its major assets. Its human resources are abundant. Its himterland is diverse. The country's economy remains open and receptive to foreign investment. In infrastructure, development in the past

decade has been of an unprecedented magnitude. In her modern history, Sri Lanka has gone through many trials and tribulations. Some of them have been self-inflicted; others have been inflicted externally. Yet, we have endured and prevailed. Our very survival proves the vitality and the viability of the Sri Lankan state. It is also evidence of the resilience of our democratic, political and social

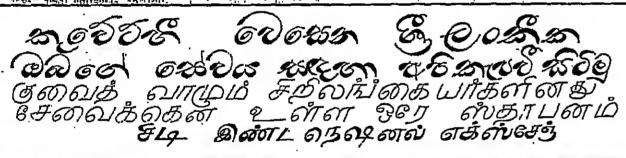
We expect the 1990s to be Sri Lanka's decade of development. The political and economic foundations for such progress have already been laid. Despite our difficulties of the past, Sri Lanka sustained an annual growth rate of about 5 per cent over the past decade. This is

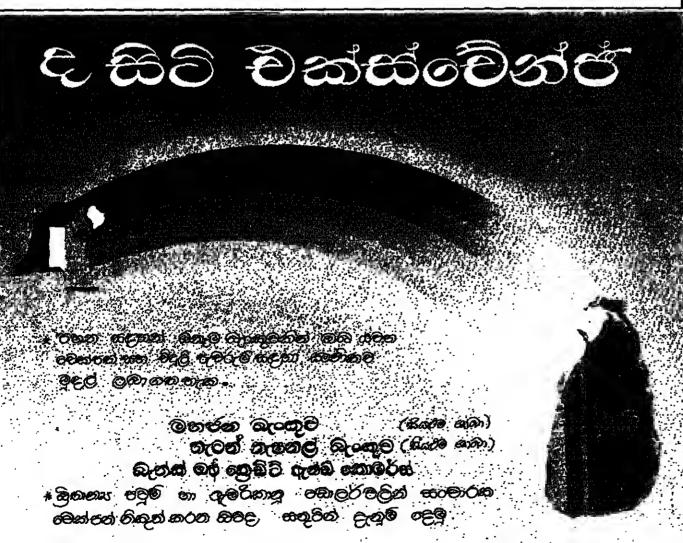
evidence of our commitment to growth and our promise for the future.

All the present indications suggest that peace and normalcy will return to Sri Lanka during this year. I am confident that very soon there will be an end to the disruptions of past year. All our people have realised that if Sri Lanka is to develop and prosper, disruption and destruction must end. And so, we are now on the threshold of renewal,

In this renewal, we welcome the participation of everyone. The nation we are rebuilding will be strong, just and provide opportunities for those who work for and invest in our effort. The partnership we seek will join Sri Lankans at home and abroad with the best of foreign technology and capital. In this way, we plan to move ahead into the 21st

As we celebrate our National Day, I wish the Sri Lankans everywhere peace and prosperity.





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## Home of the world's finest tea

AMONG the many records to its credit Sri Lanka can claim to produce the finest teas in the world, as well as to be the world's leading exporter, a fascinating subject, tea-growing in Sri Lanka began a little over a century ago, introduced during the British colonial era, as an afterthought to coffee, ravaged by a pest which could oot be controlled.

Today, with more than half a million acres under the crop, and a daily output of around a million pounds of manufactured tea a day, it is Sri Lanka's main export and source of foreign

James Taylor pioneered commercial tea-growing in Sri Lanka in 1867, oo remote and lovely Loolecandura. Like his sturdy motherhushes, tea has survived many sore trials — among them diseases such as blister blight tea tortrix as well as periodic price

A tree camellia, (botanically, camellia sinensis) tea needs a subtropical climate and sloping terrain. Mutations in flavour and strength record ouances io altitude, soil, rain and sun and tea, like whiskey varies from glen to glen. The abundant rain and sunshine of the foothills of Sri Laoka produces luxuriaot growth but diffuses flavour. These low and medium-grown, teas are useful, in the jargon of the trade, as 'fillers' in blends.

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THE forty-two years, which had

passed since independence, is just

a fraction of that proud past for a

nation which inherits a culture

and a beritage which has with-

stood vast tribulations and

Our fore-fathers have always

fought for freedom and the just

rights of the mother land, Many

a struggle have been launched by

them and won for the sake of

succeeding generations; 'unity' had been the hallmark of all their

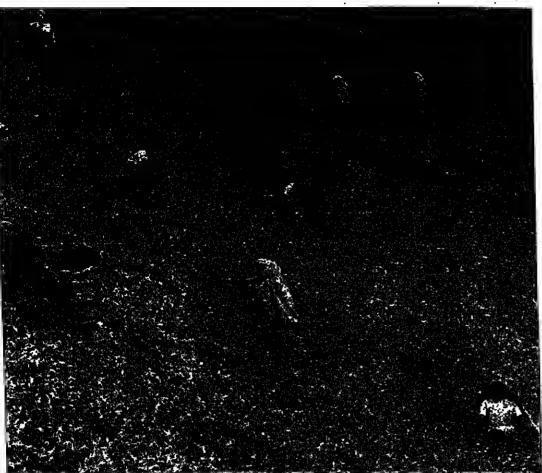
During the last decade too, we

faced very challenging situations

as a nation. Undoubtedly we will

emerge victorious with the les-

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Women picking tea at an estate in Sri Lanka

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Already several programmes

like 'Janasaviya' providing assets to the assetless and

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have been launched. The million

houses programme which has

been acclaimed world-wide and

the massive irrigation works

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Message from HE Latif Sheriffdeen, Sri Lankan Ambassador to Kuwait

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Kuwait-Sri Lanka relations

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Sri Lanka and H.H. Sheikh Jaber

Al Ahmed Al Sabah, the Amir of

The Sri Lankans living in

Kuwait are ample testimony to this long standing relationship. I

am personally heartened to oote

that they contribute in great measure to the oation-building tasks of the state of Kuwait. I

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sacrifices they make towards

their motherland, which has bel-

ped in the development efforts.

I take this opportunity to bless

the State of Kuwait.

Lanka's former name as it has a strong identity) in the bonded warehouses and auction rooms of Mincing Lane, the London head-quarters of the ioternational tea trade.

Tea is grown in some of Sri Lanka's dramatically beautiful areas - tea 'estates' as the plantations are called, especially in the higher elevations are extremely scenic. Cloudcrowned mountains, deep valleys and dizzy chasms; pure, cool scented air and always close at hand, the music of falling water. Graceful grevilleas and gums planted for shade and wind-break and drifts of colourful wild-flowers that defy the most determined of weeders. Neat ticky tacky processing factories which give out a strong and fragrant aroma from the toasting leaves and stretching endlessly, the green tea bushes, contoured carefully to valley and spur.

Teais grown from seed or from cuttings made from pedigree mother-bushes and is contour planted to anchor the top-soil. The bushes are stunted to a workable height by hard prun-ing. The tender terminal shoots (two leaves and a bud) are picked in a ten-day rotation, usually by Tamil women-pickers (much of the labour force on tea-estates are Tamils of Sooth Indian stock), who, with their bright sarees and shoulder-haskets have become a kind of trademark of the tea industry.



that the Kuwait-Sri Lanka relations will be further enhanced and strengthened in the years to come. I also wish to convey my warmest greetings to all my compatriots, on this very happy-

## Message from Hon D.B. Wijetunge, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka

ON THE 4th of Fehruary this year, we will be celebrating once again our National Day. Under the inspiring leadership and guidance of his Excellency R. Premadasa, President of Sri Lanka we face the coming years

with confidence. One of the great achievements for which all of us can take credit is our cootinued adherence to the principle of democratic freedom. Our conduct of the presidential and parliamentary general elections showed clearly to the whole world our people's commitment to the rule of law and sovereignty of the people.

We have also during this period continued the process of coming to an understanding on many national issues with people wbose views differed from ours. by way of consultation, compromise and consensus. A significant milestone in this

process has been our success in bringing back into the democratic mainstream sections of the movements and forces that had abandoned their faith in democracy in the recent past.

We bave been able during the past year to devote a great deal of our energy to the task of ecoo-

omic development of our country. Whilst cootinuing the open ecocomie policy which we inaugurated some years ago we have been able to introduce modifications and changes to overcome some of its sbortcomings. Our agricultural and industrial policies have been adjusted to suit the special conditions of our country and to make optimum use of the skills of our people and the national resour-

ces available in the country. While paying particular attentioo to the economic development of the country we bave also oot forgotten our social and moral obligations. The govern-

ment has shown its concern for the welfare and happiness of the backward and the less fortunate sections of our people. The poverty alleviation programme of His Excellency R. Premadasa President of Sri Lanka, to which the country has dedicated itself and which is now receiving worldwide recognition and acclaim. will go a long way, in the reduction of poverty io our country. The disadvantaged sections of our people will be contributing to the nation's wealth instead of being a drain on it.

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occasion to say how thankful we are to the thousands of Sri Lankans now living abroad and who have shown such great consideration for the welfare of our people. We are also grateful to the many friendly countries that have given us assistance and sbown us their goodwill.

With the trust and confidence in ourselves and the goodwill of others. I am certain that we can face the challenges in the future with courage and hope.

Let us therefore resolve to rededicate ourselves on this day to serve our motherland to the best of our ability.

### Message from Hon. Ranjan Wijeratne, Minister of foreign affairs

"A YEAR has passed since the government headed by H.E. the President R. Premadasa has been in office. Significant changes and advances have been made in the manner in which the new administration has functioned. In the sphere of Sri Lanka's overseas representation, a major change has been made to restructure our orientation to bring trade and investment promotioo under the supervisioo of our missions "Within Sri Lanka the past year

has been a period of trial. However, the threat posed to democracy has been cootained. The people of Sri Lanka responded wbole-beartedly to the government's call to restore normalcy. It is fitting that on the occasion of the anniversary of our independence we pay tribute to the courage and innate good sense of Sri Lanka's people.

"They unhesitatingly rejected the call from certain misguided elements in our society, to stray from the path of democracy, a path that we have followed unswervingly for close upoo six. decades. The role played by our ing and trust and we greatly wel--armed services and the valor and comed India's assurance that the dedication they have displayed

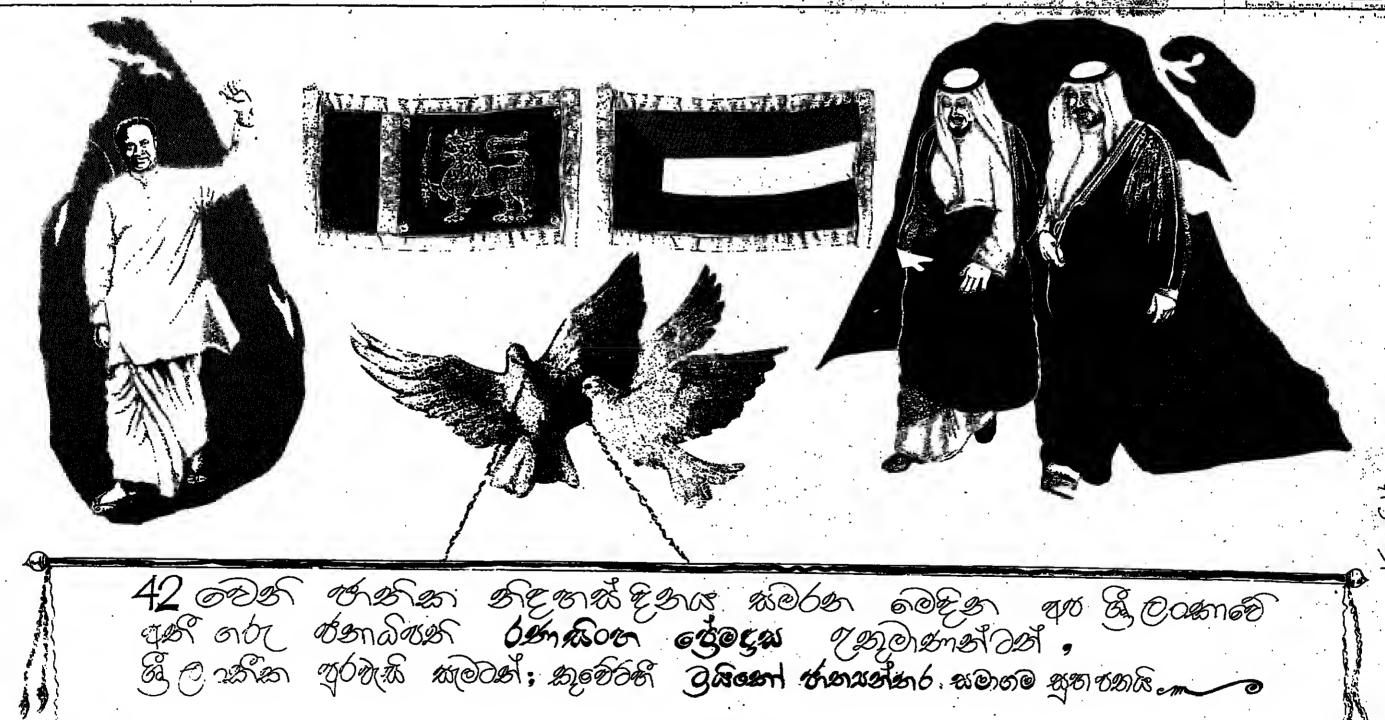


"Peace and harmony have been steadily restored during the year. Two momentous development must be highlighted. For the first time a major militant group commeneed a dialogue with the government and this has contributed to restoring normalcy in the North and East of Sri Lanka. The other is that oor elose dialogue with the new government in India has brought about a climate of mutual understanding and trust and we greatly wel-IPKP will be withdrawn at the latest by 31 March 1990, if not earlier. The natioo's energies and efforts are heing directed towards the healing of wounds, recoociliatioo aod recewal. Equality of all citizens, regardless of community or creed is the bedrock oo which the edifice of a new order is being built.

"Our foreign policy reflects out commitment to strengthening and expanding the traditional ties of friendship that bindungs the SAARC community of nations. Welook forward to hosting the SAARC summit this year in Colombo. isitiates of

The occasion of the quad Awaive sary of the radical densero? Sar Panka viros one the opportunity to greet all Se Lankan massonals living about The contributioo made by them is of great importance.

"Their efforts, io oo small measure help keep the image of the country burnished. I am confideot that oo this day their thoughts are with us and that they will contioue to give us the generous support that they have given us so unstingly, to make Sri Lanka-live up to its name, the Resplendent isle."





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## Aesthetic beauty of handicrafts | Manpower, an abundant resource WORLD market trends indicate a growing demand for hand crafted goods from

developing countries. High labour rates in the developed world and the preference for exclusive, hand made products over massproduced goods among the affluent are contributory factors. A desire for products made of natural raw material rather than synthetic reflects the current back-to-nature trend among the young. Handcrafted items which express personality and Individuality are valued as a means of relieving uniform surrounding in housing complexes and apartments.

THE ARTS and crafts of Sri Lanka reflects skills handed down through generations from father to son. Using age-old techniques and indigenous materials, today's craftsmen turn out a stunning array of items which are not only ornamental, but of utility value in the modern household. These designs are mostly traditional, inspired by ancient myth, legend and spiritual belief and also the fauna and flora of the island. They express the purity and aesthetic grace of the Aryan and early Indic artistic traditions that Sri Lanka, being an island, has been able to preserve.

Today an active effort is being made to encourage these craftsmen to develop their art with contemporary technical support and capertise. Hence new products adopted to suit market demand have idalso heing promotedanc >

"The Ministry of Rural Industrial Development is taking steps to establish a National Crafts Councils, specific Craft Councils, the Spilanka Handicasts Baard and abbanca and foster handicrafts and improve their quality.

The Department of Marketing and Export Promotion of Handicrafts is presently charge with the task of improving craft standards in Sri Lanka and raising the economic level of its craftsmen. It provides raw materials, exercises quality control and promotes new designs and products. Goods are purchased from registered suppliers and every article is coded to that it could be true to be the producers. Marketing is effected through a network of nineteen sales outlets known as Laksala. In 1981 sales at these craft emporia amounted to Rs. 35 million, an increased of 8.6% over the previous year. The Fort sala, localeo in the heart o Colombo's shopping district alone accounted for sales of over, Rs. 21 million. Meanwhile, export markets are being developed through participation in several prestigious trade fairs in Belgium, U.K., Switzerland.

Wood carvings
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in the intricate designs and symbols of Sinhala art which adorn handicrafts made of wood. A varied range of ornaments, statues, wall plaques and utility, items are turned out in ebony, teak, satin and other local woods.

Brilliant colouring and vivid design characterise lacquer ware. Turning and finger nail work are the techniques currently used. In the former the designs are applied while the article is turned by a lathe while in the other method the craftsman skillfully works in the design with his left thumb nail. The most distinctive work is done in the Matale area.

Masks Intriguingly grotesque and colourful are the masks used in devil dancing and exorcising ceremonies. Many are masterpieces of the wood carver's art. The principal colours used for painting the masks are red, green, yellow and black and they come in sizes ranging from a few inches to about three feet in height. Further, key tags and buttons are made of these mask designs in miniature.

Drums The island's rich musical tradition is reflected in the variety of drums played at all festivals and auspicious occasions. Drummaking is a traditional vocation practised in the districts around Kandy in the hill-country.

Coconut shell ware The ubiquitous coconut shell, carved and polished provides a wide range of attractive utility items such as bowls, spoons slides and buttons.

Handloom textiles Weaving of home spun cotton cloth was once universal in the Central Province of the island. Traditional designs incorporating bird, flower, animal and geometric motifs are used in tasteful colour combinations in the weaving of very attractive furnishing materials such as bed spreads, curtains, table cloths and table mats.

**Batiks** Daring originality, artistic finArticles available for sale range from trays, trinket boxes, and candlesticks to filigree and costume jewellery.

Brassware

A glow as rich as gold com-bined with some of the purest forms of traditional Sinhala designs make brassware one of the most attractive of the ancient arts. Brassware can be divided into two types - the wrought and the cast. Out of the former are created boxes, trays and vases, bowls and lamps. The two chief techniques employed for ornamentation of hrass work are piercing and damascening.

Shell ware Beautifully engraved and elegantly carved shellware items

are some of the exquisite items made out of these carved shells.

Farthenware items were used by the Ceylonese for ceremonial. architectural and domestic purposes. The methods of ornamenting earthenware vessels have been painting, incising, stamping and slip painting. The art of pottery has not lost its originality and today we find plenty of articles for household requirements ornamented in the old tech-

The pottery industry has been organised by the state on the basis of semi-mechanised workshops on co-operative lines. The Ceramic Corporation turns out today quality tahleware and

IN SOCIO-POLITICO terminology Sri Lanka is one of the Third World Countries. As common to all Third World countries one of its distinguishing features is the availability of human resources over and above the requirements of economic activities in the country. This created a situation of unemployment which has adverse results. The sustenance of an economically unproductive population is a severe strain on the limited economic resources of the country and the problem of unemployment has got the highest priority in all the development strategies of Sri Lanka since independence, in

The development of manp-ower resources of the country has long been identified as a means of solving the unemployment problem. The availability of free education facilities from primary to university level has not only given Sri Lanka the highest level of literacy in the region hut also has provided an educationally

articulated workforce.
Free medical facilities from hirth to death have promoted a high standard of health all over the country. The availability of training facilities in the professional administrative, technical and vocational fields have equipped the Sri Lankans with knowledge and skills of employment required for the country and the outside world where such knowledge and skills are scarce.

Ethnic religious and cultural plurality of the country has imhibed in the Sri Lankans an ability to live in diversity while ascertaining individuality. Adjustability and adaptability inherent in them have placed them in foreign employments. without causing much inconvenience to them and the environment in which they work.

A working knowledge of a foreign language have increased their employability in lahour markets outside the national frontiers. The knack for grasping technological intricacies combined with agility of manipulative skills have equipped the Sri Lankans adequately to suc-cessfully face the challenges of foreign labour markets.

Sri Lankan manpower has contributed in no small way to the development activities of the Gulf countries during the last one and a half decades. Sri Lankan skills have been utilised in professional, administrative, technical and vocational fields. where such skills were needed. At present in Kuwait alone the Sri Lankan work force is estimated to be close upon 89,000. They are deployed in government ministries, commercial, industrial and service establishments, and personal and domestic services.

One of the peculiarities of the Sri Lankan labour in Kuwait is the preponderance of females over males.

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Training facilities in Sri Lanka have equipped the people with knowledge and skills for employment

services such as cleaning and domestic help. The cleaning workers are employed by service companies and enjoy better privileges than their counterparts in domestic services.

The largest proportion of the Sri Lankan lahour force in Kuwait is in the domestic sector. Their terms and conditions are singularly determined by the attitudes, temperaments and dispositions of the emplayers. This has eventually led to good as well as had results. It is an irony that good results are less noticed than

It is one of the face is of the role of the Sri Lankan embassy in Kuwait to minimise the had results of domestic employment, by amicahly settling the disputes between the housemaids and their employers.

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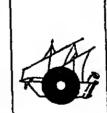
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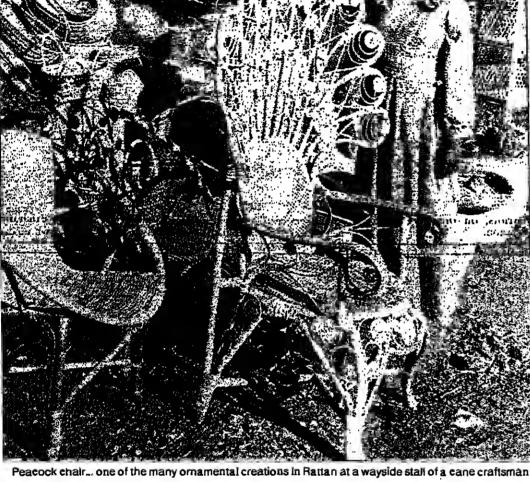
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Lace work The delicate work and intricate designs plus incredible strength in spite of its gossamer like texture make hand-made lace a prized possession. Introduced in the 16th century by the Portuguese, lace making has its home in Galle and Matara. Items made out of 'Galle Lace' as it is termed includes handker-

mats and pillow cases. Embroidery A lesser known ancient art, but nevertheless one of the most elegant, traditional embroidery is used today on ladies garments such as kaftans, kurtas, maxis and ponchos.

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Elegant simplicity, superb craftsmanship and rare value characterise this bighly traditional art. In jewellery as in combounders, these are two dis-

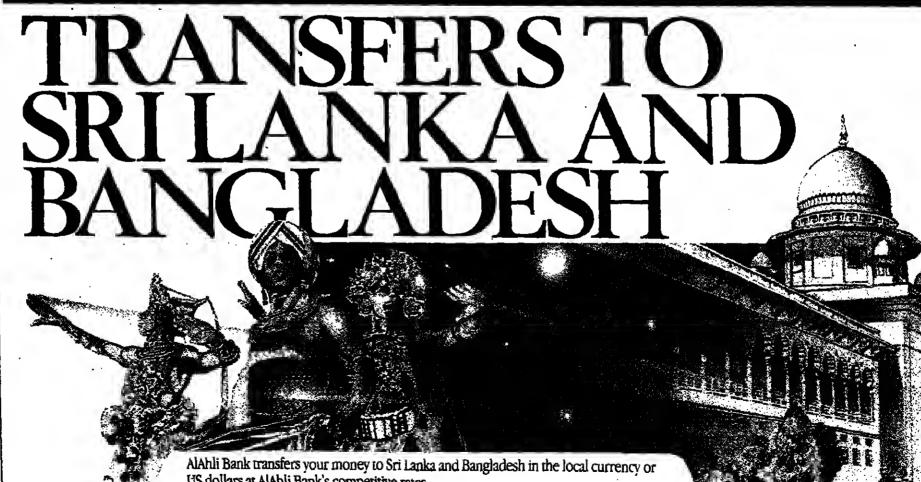
tinct types that exist up-to-date, namely Kandyan and Low country jewellery. Kandyan Jewellery — chiefly gold chains, pendants, rings, ear-rings and bracelets. The designs

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are usually those of flowers, seeds, fruits and birds. Low country jewellery includes a variety of combs. brooches, buttons hair pieces and rings in which 'Matara diamonds' (white zircons) are largely used. The articles bear a distinct resemblance to Por-tuguese type jewellery of the 17th century.

Today, semi-precious stones such as sapphires, tourmalines, rubies and amethysts are widely used in the making of jewellery. Silverware

The hill country of Sri Lanka is well known for its exquisite silverware. Even today the Kandyan craftsmen enjoy a very highly reputation for carving intricate designs in silver ware.



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## Polonnaruwa: medieval capital

#### By Lucien Rajakarunanayake

THE BLURBS and brochures speak much of the ancient cities of Sri Lanka. A visitor to the island's North Central Dry Zone, which was the seat of the early civilization, will be struck by what remains of the ancient cities. Magnificent capitals, which still show the advances made by Sri Lankans, particularly the Sinhalese in, construction and engineering, city planning, and also social organ-

If Anuradhapura deserving gets pride of place being the oldest of the great cities — holding sway for nearly a thousand years, Polonnaruwa is mentioned almost in the same breath.

Polonnaruwa came later, it was the medieval capital. The place to which the kings retreated, and finally established themsleves, after repeated forays by South Indian plunderers and adventurers. But the comparative youth of Polonnaruwa does not diminish its beauty and grandeur. It's special place in the record of sculpture and art. It's pre-eminence in certain skills of engineering, and it's great King. Parakrambahu the Great, the only one designated as great among the Sinhalese monarchs.

This splendid medieval capital was established in the 10th Century A.D. It enjoyed its greatness for just over a century and began its decline in the 12th Century, once again with the ravages from myaders from across the Palk Strait and the dimnity of the indigenous ruling clan. But, in that short span of a century and more it achieved such greatness which continues to dazzle today.

To most Sri Lankans, Polonnaruwa's niche in history is the reign of Parakrambahu who even took his armies to Burma, and whose generals fought with success in South India, and his great gift to the country, the Parakrama Samudhra — literally the sea of Parakrama. An irrigation reservoir of 5,940 acres. The high point of irrigation engineering among the peo-ple who had already shown great achievement in the field at

Anuradhapura.
The engineers of Polonnaruwa combined three reservoirs to

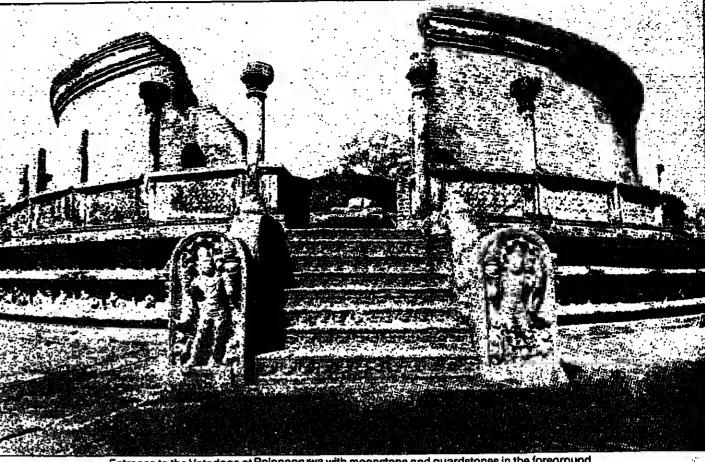


The image of a serene standing Buddha measuring 23 feet at the Gal Vihara at Polonnaruwa

make it one gigantic man-made inland "sea", which still gives water to the fields of the country

It's waters are now augmented by those diverted from the Mah-

aweli River, in what is the most ambitious schemes of modern irrigation engineering under-



Entrance to the Vatadage at Polonnaruwa with moonstone and guardstones in the foreground.

taken by present day govern-ments, keeping alive the coun-try's tradition of irrigation. The monuments of Polonnaruwa are mainly scattered around the vast Parakrama Samudhra. Close to the Rest House one could see the Council Chamber of one king, where the pillars have inscribed on them the status and title of the various ministers and chiefs who gathered there.

The Royal Citadel enclosed by a large rampart includes the palace or turk tame below, early one of the most imposing build-ings of its day, which archaeologists and historians say was a seven-storey edifice; a fact borne out in good measure by the sheer brick-laid girth of the walls at the base and lower levels which still

Nearby is the Royal Bath — the Kumara Pokuna (Princely Bath-to translate directly from the Sinhala) which through an ingenious method of plumbing, drew water from the reservoir nearby and kept it in constant flow and circulation.

Of religious monuments there is an ambulance in Polonnaruwa, and places of such exquisite beauty too. There is the atadage the circular relics house, with its elegance untouched by the ravages of time. Move up stepping on an intricately carved Moonstone, pause at the guard stones besides the steps, and go on to a huge Buddhas carved in granite still mediate facing the four cardinal points. Many of the carved pillars of the dagaba still stand, with no roof to support, while others which have collapsed in time still retain the fine sculpture of their finals.

The nearby Satmahal Prasadaya, was, as its name implies, a seven-storeyed structure of magnificence. Built in a style which appears to combine Siamese architectural trends, it is a square pyramidical tower in seven tiers. Each of the sides of each tier has an arched niche which is the repository of a figure

of Buddhist worship. The Thuparama also at the Vatadage complex, still retains the original vanited roof showing the type of shelter the shrines of old had. An opening just below the roof level sheds light into the dark inner chamber, with the dark inner chamber, with the beam falling where the face of a giant Buddha would have been

now destroyed. The guide will describe vividly how the light reflected from the Buddha image and face would have lit up the

chamber with a golden glow The heights of skill of the medieval painter is best seen at the Tivanka image House — the largest among the many brick built shrines of Polonnaruwa. the shrine which gets its name from the unusual figure of the standing Buddha, with three gentle curves in the stance (Tivanka three curves) had almost the entirety of its walls covered with beautiful frescoes displaying stories of Buddhist teaching and

lore, the heavens of deities, the netherworld of demons, the many previous, incarnations of the Buddha. What is remaining of the paintings give a good clue to the heights reached by the artists of the 11th century, and of the magnificence that would have been in the now roofless shrine.



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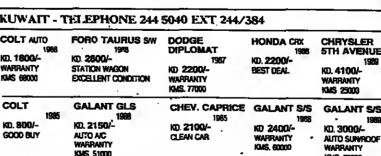
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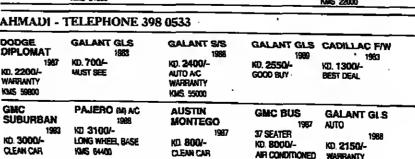
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# Filming on location

By B.C. Perera

THAI and African jungles, Burmese villages, Indian kingdoms, montane tea plantations and the depths of the Great Barrier Reef - all these and many other exotic locations have come together in Sri Lanka, in the make-believe world of the cin-

Sri Lanka's advantages as a prime film location have been discovered by the best-known among film directors from the early fifties, and have made it one of the most sought after filming sites today.

While on location in the Kandyan hills for his movie "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom," none other than Hollywood's Steven Spielberg said, "This (Sri

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Lanka) is a film set made hy God himself. This is a film-maker's dream." Making this film in the early eighties, he used Lankan locations around Kandy for scenes of the former Indian maharajahs' kingdoms in the Himalayan hills.

According to Spielberg, in Sri Lanka there is a change of scenery almost every fifty miles, while in most other parts of the world such a change is available only after travelling several hundreds of miles. Like many other film-makers, Spielberg had another reason for being attracted to Sri Lanka: the traditional hospitality and the excellent holiday prospects. "The crew and the cast like to come to work in Sri Lanka because they can make their stay here a holiday in itself. That is why I noticed my crew and cast coming with their entire families," he said.

Sri Lanka's reputation as a versatile and desirable film location has been growing over several decades. In the early fifties the celebrated David Lean made the "Outcast of the Island," starring Trevor Howard, in which locations here were chosen to depict a Burmese village. Then came "The Purole Plain" which featured Gregory Peck at the height of his fame, and "Elephant Walk" which starred Elizabeth Taylor and Peter Finch.

While these were happy beginnings, the country's real claim to "stardom" as a film site came with that David Lean production which made cinema history:

"The Bridge on the River Kwai". In "The Bridge" Sri Lanka was chosen to stand in for Thailand. where there was unrest at the time. It was made almost entirely on location at Kitulgala, off the Colombo-Ratnapura Road. using a large number of local extras and supporting technical crew. The Oscar-winning hit, which starred Alec Guinness in one of his best remembered roles. depicted the true story of how hundreds of Allied prisoners-ofwar perished in huilding a rail bridge for the Japanese. The producers found little difficulty in constructing a whole bridge across the river at Kitulgala and later hlasting it, together with several rail bogeys, for the final scenes of the movie. The Kitulgala Resthouse, which was the centre of operations for the film, still displays several sepia photographs of the great experience which brought the place to international fame.

Soon the combination of welcome climate, ahundant verdant valleys and hills, friendly people with a large number speaking English, the ever-present warmth of hospitality, comfortable hotels and the availability of good technical support through the growing Sri Lankan film industry made this country known to film-makers the world

In the sixties, a reputed German producer located his entire film "Three Yellow Cats" on the island. The film no doubt had a beneficial effect for Sri.Lanka, since many Germans were exposed to the beauty of the country as the story took an adventurous scientist through some of Sri Lanka's most exotic places. Many believe that the German "tourist invasion of Sri Lanka" might have been prompted in some measure hy this film.

A film in a different vein was "Tarzan the Ape Man" made in the seventies, which starred Bo Derek and was directed by her husband, John. It was made on location over an extensive area, which included the Kandyan hills, the hinterland of the Mahaweli River and its tributaries and in eastern Trincomalee. There is even today a Tarzan Hotel", a small rural kiosk, beside the Mahaweli



tributary where most of the shooting took place.

The Dereks came hack to make another spectacular film called "Ghosts Can't Do It," which was shot in Galle beside the historic Dutch fortress there. its harhour, and its old huildings such as the New Oriental and Closenberg Hotels. Some scenes were shot in the beach resort of Bentota before moving on to Negombo, north of Colombo. The production company decided to hring in a minimum of technicians and crew because as Bo Derek herself, with her hushand agreeing, said: "Sri Lankan movie-men are good enough and even equal to those we have in Hollywood. So just as well, we employ your men and women."

Another film, expected to be a hit in the US after its record-breaking run in Germany, is the West German-Sri Lankan production "Cohra Heat", made entirely on Sri Lankan locations. The story involves a network of international drug traffickers with their headquarters in Sri Lanka and the Sri Lankan Police joining forces with international police to hunt down the drug dealers. Sri Lanka's leading film star, Ravindra Randeniva. headed the local cast and shared the top credits with such hig names as Elke Sommers, Tony Kendall and Heather Thomas.

Frontline roles for Lankan actors have become a pattern in many productions that come on location, as in the Australian tele-film ahout Charles Sobharaj, made for Television of Asia's "Most Celebrated Criminals". This production features Ravindra Randeniya together with several other local stars such as Henry Jayasena, Asoka Perera, Lucky Wickremanayake and J.H. Jayewardene in key roles.

In fact, the current boast in Sri Lanka among those who offers facilities to Western film-makers who locate their films here is that they cannot only simulate most countries of the world here, hut they can also provide men and women who can stand in for any race in the world. It was not surprising, therefore, that when Eurobrothers Productions of the United States brought their film Iron Triangle" to Sri Lanka they not only found "authentic Vietnam scenes" for the whole film, hut also found "Vietnamese" extras as well as both white and hlack "American

In late 1988, one of the most interesting films to be shot in Sri Lanka was "Spooks", which hrought together spies from the CIA in the US to the KGB in the Soviet Union to meet on a fic-

tious island and plot the fall of Wall Street. The film was made completely in Kandy and in the husy streets of Colombo.

The last days of the tottering Marcos' regime in the Philip-pines were enacted in the old colonial huildings, streets and hy-roads of Colombo and at the international airport at Katunayake for the TV series "Dan-gerous Life". And in the TV series "Shadow of the Cobra". an Australian director presented to the world Asia's "killer of finesse", Charles Sohhraj (played hy Art Malik), who is believed to have been responsible for at least 15 murders and a spate of slick rohberies during the seventies. The film was shot entirely in Sri Lanka, and New Delhi's highsecurity jail, the New Delhi courts and that city's old colonial hotels and husy streets where Sohhraj stayed and carried out his nefarious activities were all replicated on location in and around Colombo.

The French, not wanting to miss out on using Sri Lankan locations, came here, with a Kerala-hased story of a little Catholic girl who claimed reincarnation from a previous life. Francois Villiers, one of France's leading directors, filmed on location in Negombo, Paiyagala and parts of Colombo. Director Villiers said of the local film

stars: "We brought a language coach to prompt them in their English language dialogue. The stars did their dialogue so well

that the coach had no work at all! Film crew, technicians and even expens such as art directors, production managers and assisiant directors, as well as hosts of extras, are available at rates comparably much cheaper than in most other countries.

Some locally based husinesses have been formed to service foreign film-makers on location in Sri Lanka. These organisations maintain comprehensive lists of film actors, technicians and crew members and provide expertise and location props as well. They will arrange location inspections and, when locations are selected, handled the red tape of government procedures. Additionally, dealing with import and export procedures, making accommodation arrangements, giving advice local values, culture, religion and other aspects of this country, etc., are all part of the services they provide to their clients.

Sri Lanka has become a major filming site and both the Ceylon Tourist Board and Air Lanka, the national carrier, are now geared to service foreign filmmakers who come here on loca-



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## The following method for tea preparation is suggested for best results

1) The water used should be very clean. 2) Heat the water in a clean kettle until the water just reaches boiling point.

3) Put the required quantity of tea in a teapot and add the boiled water. 4) Allow the tea pot to stand 3 to 5 minutes, with

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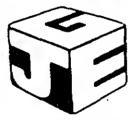
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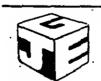


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## Nature's wonder: The Horton plains

By Lai Anthonis

HIGH UP in the central hills of the island, nestling io a wild and windswept saddle at an elevation of 7,200 ft. oo the Haputale range, where the bright and clear, the soft and misty change from minute to minute, is one of Lanka's most forbidding yet magnificent, fascinating and stupendously beautiful regions known as the Hortoo Plains. Discovered by Thompsoo Farr during the British colonial era and named after one of the British Governors, the plains offer the visitors many a varied vista and an array

of experiences. As her name implies, here are a series of vast open plains called 'patan' in Sinhala - rolling along as far as the eye can see. Dipping every now and then into misty vales and mossy, muddy mar-shes, often rising np again into pointed peaks and running into deeply wooded areas of moist covered mootane forest, whose large trees, their gnarled limbs draped with dripping lianas and liehens stand stark against the gloomy skyline braving the icy

winds. Vast jungle covered cliffs of awesome heights hang from the sides while ice cold, crystal clear streams, pools and waterfalls mark her verdant face. The Horton Plains grip you with their uoique atmosphere, scenie beauty aod ever changing character while you are there, and then beckons you again with their cold stark beauty when you have left.

Worlds End

One of the main attractions of the plains is 'Worlds End'. There are in fact two of them, the small



Caparisoned elephants at the head of the grandiose event

## Colombo's Navam Perehera

IN FEBRUARY, Colombo comes alive to the throbbing of drums and the mystic rhythms of the Orient. Yes, it is time ooce again for the annual Colombo Navam Maha Perehera. This pageant is the biggest cultural happening in Colombo. Kandy, situated in the hilly

climes of Sri Lanka, is synonymous with its historic and magnificent Kandy Esala Perebera, which has brought Sri Lanka recognition the world over. Likewise, the Navam Maha Perebera is rapidly gaining association with the City of Colombo.

According to the Buddhist ealendar, February, or the second month in the year, is known as Navam. It was in the mooth of Navam that the Buddha proclaimed Sariputta and Moggallana, who were monks in the Buddhist Order, to be his two ehief disciples. It is to commemorate this important event in Buddhism that the perehera is

held.

The perehera first commecced io 1979. Organisation of the pageant was by the Hunupitiya Gaogarama Temple, which remains the centre of activity of the perehera. Most of its participants live in Colombo and its suburbs and usually arrive io the

city a few days prior to the pageant and reside at the temple.

The elephants taking part in the perchera are brought from distant places where they are employed in logging and other heavy work. During the period of the perehera, they usually spend their time in the Viharamahadevi Park, a short distance away from the temple. This provides an ideal time to befriend and take a

closer look at these geotle

People from oear and far flock to the city to get a glimpse of this gradiose event. They line up aloog the perehera route and watch spellbound with awe and reverence the procession winding its way before their eyes.

The perebera is held on two consecutive days. Oo the first day it takes to the streets io the night. There are over 5,000 participants each playing their own role in this great pageant. The sharp crack of whips that reot the night beralds the start of the perchera. Indication

The whips are wielded by a bandful of 'kasakarayas' or wbip-eraekers wbo bead the perchera. Their arrival is a sure indication that the perchera is on its way. A combination of excitement

and nostalgia strikes one on hearing the first drumbeats. The drummers are an iotegral part of the perebera. Without their active participatioo oo perehera is complete. Unlike the other participants, the drummers do not have exotic costumes. They are the most simply dressed io white cloth, red sash and head-band. Rhythmically they step sideways and backwards and move along io the perehera drumming the beat with their fiogers and sticks, iofusing with the beat of their drums the very life and susteoance of the pageant. The blending of the different drumbeats is soothing and har-

Stepping in tune to the beat of the drums are the Kandyan and low-eouotry daoce troupes." Each troupe consists of 50 or

more dancers. Altogether there are about 3,000 dancers who thrill the crowds of onlookers with dance forms special to Sri

Attired in flowing, frilled, glitteriog outfits, complete with head dress and anklets, these dancers jump, twirl and whirl about and step to the rhythm of the drums with the expertise that comes oaturally to the traditional dancer. The lithe and graceful movements of the female dancers have a language of their own. The majority of the dancers

and drummers are traditioo bound. They hail from families where these forms of aesthetic art are handed down over the generations. As a result, it is rarely that you come across a ooo-

Mingling with the dancers and drummers are the brightly capar-isoned elephants. Some of them are even adorned with little twinkling jets. Over a 100 elephants, both big and small, take part in the Navam Perchera every year. You may even spot a restless baby elephant swaying and his trunk to and fro impatient to get the perchera over and dooe with.

Walking abreast the road in twos and threes these massive beasts patiently tread the perehera roote guided by their mahouts or keepers.

Taking pride of place is the majestic tusker hearing the casket of relics. Swathed in rich silks, his tucks sheathed io silver and gilded covering, very gently he sets foot aware of the precious load on his back, carrying out its responsibilities to perfectioo.

'Worlds End' and the big 'Worlds End'. They are about half a mile apart from each other. As you approach from the direction of Farr Inn, you first come to the small one where you can see the escarpment fall vertically to the Nagrac tea estate 900 ft. below. Continue on, and in a few minutes you'll be awed by the sight of the fall straight down to the same estate, but this time a dramatic 2,900 ft. below. After taking in this fantastic view for a few moments, walk through the thin fringe of bushes to your right and you will come across a slab of rock overhanging the drop. There is a thin crack on this. Lie down and put your eye to it. There is oo dooht that there could be oo closer experience to being airborne than actually fly-

From the big Worlds End ooe could also get a stupendous view of the surrounding hills and mountain ranges wreathed in mists and clouds, and on clear days even of the Indian Ocean approximately 50 miles to the south. This cliff is about three miles from Farr Inn, two thirds of which is motorable.
At 7,850 ft and 7,741 ft the

mountains of Kirigalpotha and Thotupola become the second and third highest peaks in the island, the first being Pidurutalagala at 8,280 ft. The former two are easily accessible on foot from the plains. A days outing each to the two mountains can be a very interesting and rewarding experience. The road from Pattipola skirts the summit of Thotupola just before arriving at the Plains. A few furlongs more along this road towards Farr Inn and look to your right. On a clear day you will be able to see in the distance, the 7,358 ft sacred mountaio of 'Adams Peak' or 'Sri Pada' pointing to the azure blue sky.

Baker Falls

The ice cold Belihul Oya river begins somewhere on the slopes of Thotupola and bubbles her way southwards through the plains to join the Walawe. On the course of her meandering journers through the Plains she coes ney through the Plains, she goes over the broad and beautiful, five tiered, two sectioned Bakers Falls. A very pleasant forty five minute walk over windswept misty patnawood aod strobillanthus groves from either Worlds End or Fart Inn would bring you to this crazy cataract. The Belihul Oya also forms pretty little pools along her way across the Plains, and trout fishing is excellent in these waters. "The Slab Rock Falls' a twenty minute walk from Farr Inn is small but very pretty. You see it on your way from Farr Inn to Bakers Falls.

For the more adventurous, camping is superb on the plains. In fact, if you are to get the real feel, the absolute essence of the plains and perhaps even to get to know in depth what her denizens signify you have to camp out on

Jungle trail tracking would undoubtedly be one of the finest

There are many different types of trails and all of them are very pretty. One could observe a wide variety of mootane flora and hird life on these trails. Also keep a weather eye open for the hutterflies, moths and other insects which could be fascinating and intriguing. Animal life is usually restricted to lizards of which there are three varieties and if lady luck is oo your side you may come across sambur. Sri Lanka's largest species of deer, which can also be found in the foot hills and in the forests of the low country. Along these trails you also have a very good chance of observiog the two types of monkeys found oo the plaios. Unlike their cousins in the low country dry zone, who are bold and not shy, sometimes perhaps too bold, the monkeys bere are shy and wary of human presence. So it is best that you keep conversation to a minimum if at all, when on these trails, and at the first sight of these creatures, movements too should be slow and careful. Make sure you attire yourself in clothes that blend with the verdant surroundings and also see that you don't have any buckles or other trinkets that would glint in the sunlight.

pastimes when in the plains.

You could choose from many different types of trails or bridal paths. Some of them are deeply wooded with a clear floor, while others are deeply wooded with deep fern underbrush and delightful miniature waterfalls. You could also choose trails which go

FINDING NEW WAYS TO HELP YOU.

of vegetation for instance groves of strobillanthus. Here during certain seasons you could hear and see the beautiful and endemic jungle fowl. You could even choose open trails in the 'patnas' itself. Walks could be taken to places such as Worlds End Bakers Falls, Kirigalpotha

and Thotupola. At 7,200 ft Horton Plains has a vegetation that is unique. The 'patnas' or the plains consist mainly of a tufty grass known as Crosypogon. The plains dry up-and become very brittle even during a slight drought. They theo become a fire hazard. During a prolonged drought a carelessly thrown cigarette end could set off a fire that would devastate acres of plains before dying out. Also growing on the plains are two species of tiny blue flowers. The slightly larger of them is known as Aristea Ekloni and the other the blue Exacum (Exacum Macraothum). Yet another pretty flower found here is the deep purple coloured Osbekia Walkeri, known in Sinhala as Bovitia. You also come across it. in the lowlands but never so pretty as in this elevation. Tree species

The main canopy of the montane forest is a fairly large gnaried looking tree, usually umbrella shaped with pretty spreads of white blossoms on the upper side of its leafy roof, known in the local dialect as Keena. Two other important trees are the Michelia Nilagirica (Wal Sapu in Sinhala) and the Rhododendrum Zelanieum (Asoka or Marathmal in Sinbala) unmistakable with its leathery leaves and sprays of hlood red blossoms. All three

Another interesting plant is the purple leaved Strobillanthus, Nelu in Sinhala. Yoo would find groves of this oo the walk to 'Worlds End'. The plant blooms only once in five years, drops its seeds and then dies. The oext generation then gradually takes

The 'Hortoo Plains' take a special place in the 'Ecological' and perhaps 'Botanical' map of the world. In one of her marshes grows a species of bog moss called the Spagnum. This is the only place in the whole world where it is known to exist. It was once heavily exploited for orchid\_ breeding but is now strictly protected. The visitor to this stark wilderness would be able to see a fair amount of wild life, depending oo the length of his stay. Among them are three members of the cat family. Two of them, the leopard and the fishing cat could also be seen in the low country while the rusty spotted cat is found only in the hills. Even the two cats that are found in the low country seem to prefer and thrive in the atmosphere and the environs of the plains as the specimens seen here are really big and usually in superb coodition. Sambur

The largest of the deer species found in the island, the sambur, could be seen out in the open in small groups towards evening. Like the cats, they thrive up bere, but are very wary and timid and cannot be approached.

They take off at the slightest unfamiliar sound or movement. They are best observed from within yourmotor vehicle, which they seem to tolerate to some extent. The smallest of the deer species, the mouse deer is also

been seen by Rangers but a visitor would indeed be lucky to even catch a brief glimpse of one. The smart barking deer is the third member of the trio that makes their home in the plains. Though not very common, wild boar could also been seen and this is the same species that is

found in the low country.

The Horton Plains is also a bird watchers paradise. Among the 450 bird types found on the island 20 are peculiar to the island. Most of them could be seen oo the plains together with a large array of others. seen oo the plains together with a large array of others, some of a which are confined to the his. Amoog the endemic types you would come across are the yellow eared Bulbul, fan tailed Warbler, ashy headed Babbler, Ceylon Hill White Eye, Ceylon black bird, Ceylon Arrenga and the dusky blue Flycatcher. dusky blue Flycatcher.

Birds In the lower areas of the plains

you would come across ooe of the island's prettiest birds, the d beautiful Blue Magpie, another . 2 endemic stypes. This one is also us come across in the low countrying but not so commonly as up here. Also seen on the plains are a large n variety of birds of prey. The most is majestic of them is undoubtedly if the Mountain Hawk Eagle, one of Sri Lanka's largest birds of pretty and found only in these climes where the air spreads thin.

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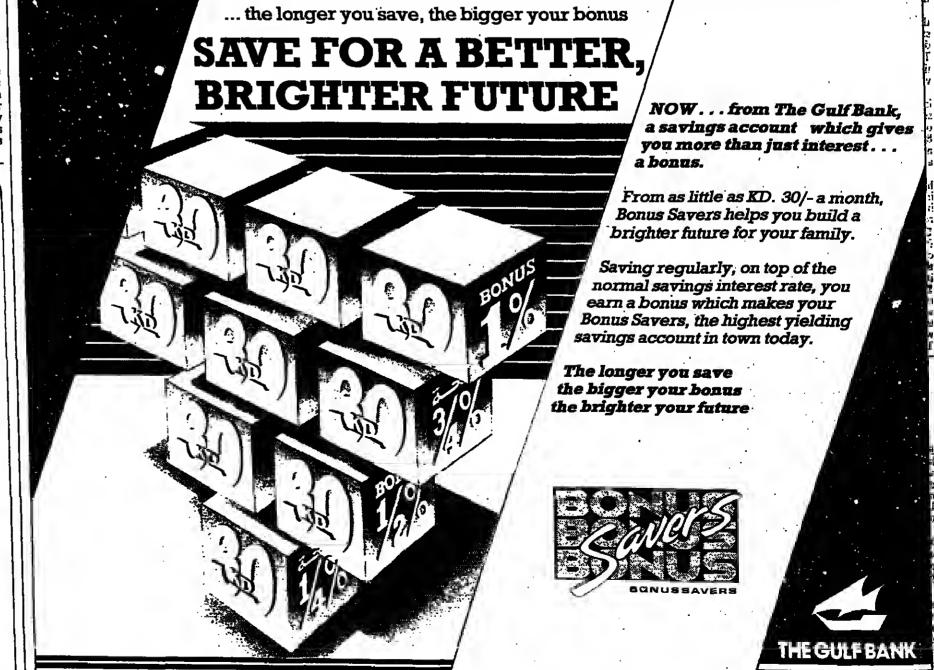
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Two routes are recommended in from Colombo. One would be g via Avissawella, Kitulgala, I! Nowara Eliya and Pattipola n which is around 130 miles, while the other is via Ratnapura, Balangoda, Haputale, Boralanda and Ohiya. This route is around 145 miles.







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**Wall Street watch** 

## January defies expectations

'Tokyo may now be calling the tune in New York'

NEW YORK, Feh 3, (AP): After welcoming the decade in high style with the Dow Jones Industrials hitting a record, the stock market sputtered and ended the month with hardly a benefit from the so-called January effect.

Except for the first and last trading days and a few sessions in-between, cash-rich institutional investors who sold stocks last year for tax purposes did not put their money back to work on Wall Street as in many Januaries

Disappointing corporate profits, rising interest rates and uncertainty about the Federal Reserve's credit policy were some of the reasons in vestors apparently decided to sit

"We ended the year thinking a soft landing was a guaranteed phenomenon followed by the Fed easing and lower interest rates, said Affred E. Goldman, vice president for A.G.

Edwards and Sons Inc. in St. Louis.
Instead, data suggested the economy was weakening further and the Fed's ability to loosen credit was slowed by concern about the dollar and keeping it competive against other currencies, said Goldman.

"The January effect, we had two days of it in December," Goldman said. "January basically turned into a disaster, one of the

worst on record. In fact, some Wall Streeters said the January effect was offset by the Japanese effect the ability of the Japanese market to influence, if not decide, the outcome of the US

"US stocks virtually duplicated a downturn on the Tokyo exchange, the first clear indication that Tokyo may now be calling the tune in New York," Standard and Poor's economists wrote in their Jan 31 edition of the Outlook.

The Bank of Japan raised its discount rate, the interest it charges for loans to commercial banks, four times in late 1989 to cool the local economy and curtail inflation. That shook the Japanese stock and bond markets, and sent

tremors all the way to Wall Street. Economist Edward Yardeni with Prudenual-Bache Securities Inc. said the Japanese interest rate hike undoubtedly contributed to

the slump in the US stock market. "Our market was vulnerable because in the last year hullish props had fallen apart," Yar-

Those props ranged from a slump in the takeover speculation huoying stocks to a realisation that corporate profits are weak, Yar-Although investor concerns about the busi-

ness outlook were felt in the stock market's last sessions in January, the market ended the month and started February on a slightly more upbeat note. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials

showed a net gain for the week of 43.47 points, closing at 2,602.70. Still, that's more than 200 points lower than where it began in January. Among broader averages, the New York Stock Exchange composite index was 2.54 higher than the previous week, ending at

182.75; the Nasdaq composite index for the over-the-counter market edged up 0.88 to 422.21; and the American Stock Exchange market value index gained 2.69 to 353.56.

However, the gains came on lighter volume as many big institutional investors remained

cautious and noncommittal. Big Board volume averaged 169.09 million shares a day, down from an average 181.19 million the week before.

The Japanese market's impact on US trading reflects an integrated global marketplace and does not necessarily suggest that US markets are now taking their cue from Japan, some analysts say.

"Sometime ago the Tokyo market seemed to follow the US market. Now everybody is watching everybody else." said Theodore Tung, senior vice-president with National City Corp. in Cleveland. "It's very much a mutual effect. It's hard to say that one is

determining the other. Despite the external influences, January effect is viewed by some as an indicator of how the rest of the year will stack up. Historically, if the market in general and small stocks in particular do well in the early stages of the year, as the effect suggests, the rest of the year

Yale Hirsch, an old Tappan, New Jersey, investment adviser and publisher of the annual stock trader's Almanac, says the direction stock prices take in January has foreshadowed the full year's ontcome correctly all but three times since 1950.

Seminar on investment and banking

## Stable economy gives new push to market

By Lima Al Khalafawi Arab Times Staff

THE three-day seminar on investment and banking of Japan Week 1990 opened yesterday.

The view of the institutional investor in Japan was presented. hy the Managing Director of M M Sanyo Secturities Akira Takaha-5 shiowho spoke about subours un years. He added that Tokyo market in the 1980s showed that the stock prices rose steadily durwhing the last decade with the Le market index rising 5.9-fold and the market value has jumped 9.2-

In 1988, the Tokyo stock market surpassed the New York we market in terms of market value. Kild thus becoming the largest equity As in the world.

mik: He added that the strong ale i market can be attributed firstly to h. x the high, stable growth of the Japanese economy and secondly to the growth of Japanese ins-

titutional investors.

He said that funds managed hy these investors in the Japanese stock market have further expanded during the last 10 years. Their stock holdings have con-

tinued to rise, along with the volume of trading. The Japanese institutional investors can be divided into an several categories. The major ones are city banks, regional banks, life insurance companies, non-life insurance companies

He added that in the second half of the 1980s, institutional investors became active traders in the stock market for four basic

reasons: ■ The industrial demand for funds declined, causing growth of lending by financial instituions to level off and thus resulting in increased surplus funds. For fund managers, investment returns in fixed income securities were lower than expected returns because interest rates ere at historically low levels. This led to greater emphasis of



Picture shows from (left to right) Akira Takahashi, Masanobu Takahashi and Ross Rowbury.

stock investment in hopes of generating higher returns.

In 1984, life insurance com-

panies were authorised to conclude for "tokkin" funds, or specified money trusts, followed in 1989 by the relaxation of regulations governing management of public funds.

Further easing of regulations led to stepped-up fund management through investments in

In an effort to raise equipment funds or to improve their financial base, Japanese business have actively emhraced equity financing both at home and ahroad by issuing convertible bond (CBs) and warrant bonds. To facilitate the smooth issuance of large amounts of securities, Japanese husiness entrust financial institutions and related corporations with stock ownership on their behalf.

With a surge in mergers and acquisitions, cross-holding of ted in significant increase in the number of stocks owned hy cor-

porations. Takahashi said that as institutional investors began actively investing in stocks in the second half of 1980s, changes occurred in share prices formation and favourite issues in the

stock market. He also spoke about what instruments should become attractive investments in the 1990s. In this respect the economic and financial developments that can be anticipated are the following:

The world-wide growth of financial assets, surpassing the pace of growth of goods, is expected to continue, with the trend of credit relaxation likely to persist. Asian NIEs, such as Taiwan, South Korea and Singapore, will join the ranks of advanced industrial countries and will be pressed for adjustment in their economic

Economic growth then will be sustained hy investment in shares was promoted. This resul-

advanced infrastructure. The changeover of East European countries to free econ-

omy will spur demand for both capital goods and durable consumer goods. ■ Upon integration of the European Economic Commun-

ity, Japanese capital exports will rise in various forms. The second session was

presented by the managing director and research director of Japanese Equity International Division of Sanyo Investment Research Limited, Masanobu Takahashi. He spoke about the market strategy for 1990, evalua-tion of stock market and of stock prices, and investment strategy

In the third session Ross Rowbury, senior trader of Sanyo Secruties Co. Ltd, spoke about investment timing improvement using the Sanyo Sirnus System and Japanese investors' methods of stock selection and timing of

## Firms continue to declare dividends

## Indices dip in both markets

THE Alshall index for Kuwaiu shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday Jan 31, 1990 an average of 38.91 points with a decrease of 0.14 point - 0.36 per cent - from last week's average of Wednesday Jan 24, 1990. The Alshall index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 66,98 points with a decrease of 0.45 point - 0.67 per cent - for the same period, according to Alshall weekly market review.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 5.65 million shares at a daily average of 1.13 million shares with a decrease of 63 per cent from the previous week's daily average of 3.04 million

Non-Kuwain traded shares reached 6.120 million shares at a daily average of 1.224 million shares with a decrease of 30 per cent over last week's daily average of 1.740 million shares. The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD2.41 million at a

daily average of KD0.48 million, a decrease of 59 per cent from last week's daily average of KD1.16 million. The value of non-Kuwain traded shares was KD0.307 million at a daily average of KD0.061 million, an increase of 5 per cent over

last week's daily average of KD0.058 million. For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector came first at 51 per cent of total trading against 59 per cent last week. The National Bank of Kuwait had the lead at 38 per cent, followed hy The Commercial Bank at 17 per cent and The Gulf Bank at 16 per cent. The Investment Sector came second at 27 per cent, in which, Coast investment and Development Company had the lead at 68

per cent, followed by Kuwait Investment Projects Company at 32 per cent. The industrial sector came third at 9 per cent, in which, Gulf Cahles had the lead at 69 per cent followed by The National Industries had the lead at 31 per cent. As for the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Bahrain International Bank had the lead at 56 per cent followed by Arahian General Investment Company (SHUAA) at 41 per cent, and Bahrain Middle East Bank and hy

Bahrain Projects at 3 per cent. The market showed signs of mixed performance which was reflected on five out of six indices and in both markets. We expect that outside intervention will try to activate the market during the present period which will last for a month or a little more taking into consideration that this year's cycle of slow activity will take a longer period than previous cycles because the slow activity started before the end of last year.

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Kuwait R. Est. Bk	27.86	28.29	-0.43
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## Opec cuts oil output

LONDON, Feb 3, (Reuter); Opec cut its crude oil output in January from an eight-year high touched at the end of 1989 but not by very much,

industry sources said yesterday.

A Reuter survey estimated that wellhead production by the 13 mem-bers averaged 23.25 million barrels per day (bpd) in January compared with a revised 23.9 million for December.

But it was still above the 22.1 million bad supply ceiling set by the 13-member Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries for the first half of 1990.

Some industry executives say Opec may need to make further output reductions to stop prices from easing in coming weeks.

"But we are not talking a price collapse," one added.

The executives said one or \$1.50

more could be lost off the price before seasonal gasoline demand in the nor-thern summer leads a recovery. North Sea Brent crude, a world benchmark, is now around \$20 per barrel. It briefly topped \$23 early in

January when cold weather drove up US heating oil demand. The monthly Reuter output survey uses information from industry and

The biggest cut in January - to two million bpd from 2.4 million — turned out to have been made by the United out to have been made by the United Arah Emirates. It cut largely to avoid damaging its reservoirs.

Other Gulf heavyweights Iran and Iraq were within quota. Nigeria cut at least 150,000 bpd to around 1.65 million to 1.7 million — still slightly about its mooth.

above its quota.

A drop in Soviet supply also right-ened the market although Western sources call statistics on that

Soviet exports to East and West Europe maybe giving Opec to 500,000 bpd of extra business.

But with most of the northern winter now over and refiners cutting the

One industry official said lower

volume of crude which they process, traders said that buyer resistance may force Middle East output lower.

Familiarisation trip

## Al Sudasiyah Auto Spare Parts Co. W.L. (SASCO) Al Jabariya Auto Spare Parts Co.

A group of nine students of Skyline institute of Boodai Aviation undergoing "Advanced Diploma in Travel &

Tourism Management" visited various sections of traffic department of Kuwait Airways on Saturday on a

familiarisation trip to airport. The Training & Development Department & Commercial Department of KAC

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extended full support for enhancing professionalism in aviation Industry.

announce that

## Mr. Narinder Singh Sethi

Indian national

no longer represents the two companies and is not authorised to deal on their behalf inside and outside Kuwait as from 16/11/ 1989. The two companies are therefore not responsible for any dealing or action carried out by him on behalf of the two companies, as from the abovementioned date.

## Brazilian financial scandal

## Officials, US bank executives accused

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb 3, (UPI): Police have asked for criminal charges to be filed against 23 people, including five US executies of the Bank of America, in connection with a financial scandal involving Latin America's largest agricultural cooperative, court sources said yesterday.

The request stemmed from a six-year nvestigation of financial activities involving the co-operative headquarters of rural producers of Rio Grande Do Sul between 1979 and 1982.

The organisation, known as Centralsul, is considered to be the largest agricultural industrial co-operative in Latin America, exporting corn, soybeans, meat and leather from its base in Porto Alegre, some 2,000 miles (3,200 km) south of Rio De

Police, concluding their investigation Thursday, turned over a report to Brazilian courts accusing the 23 bank executives and local financiers of financial 'irregularities" in their dealings with Centralsul.

The irregularities allegedly included tax evasion, over — and under-valuing exports and reckless speculation on the chicago commodities market. The report said the actions pushed a majority of the 80 companies that comprise Centralsul near or into bankruptcy.

Bank of America president Joel Korn, a US citizen who police said should be charged in the case, told the Sao Paulo newspaper Folha that the incidents reported in the police papers "occurred before my arrival in Brazil in 1981."

"The Bank of America has always been above-board in all its dealings," he told the nwspaper. He said the Bank of America had "handed over all the data necessary in the investigation.

Fernao Bracher, a former president of the Brazilian Central Bank who was also accused, said the request for formal judicial proceedings from police "has neither feet nor head" and that the investigations had "continued in an arbitrary and erroneous form.'

Peter Magnani, a Bank of America vice president at the company's headquarters in San Francisco, said the police officer who sought the prosecution "is the same officer hwo said there was no criminal activity in 1986."

"It appears to us that this action was hrought because of local political pressures from people who wish to continue civil actions," he said.

Magnani said the Bank of America and the Brazilian Central Bank investigated the allegations when they surfaced in 1983 "and we both concluded there was no wrongdoing on the part of Bank of

The allegedly illegal activities mentioned in the police investigation included \$30 million in loans by the Bank of America to the co-operative that apparently never arrived in Brazil. The report said the loan was deposited in Centralsul's account at the Bank of America branch in Houston.

Magnani was unable to respond to specifics in the charges, including what happened to the \$30 million and then,

seemingly, disappeared. "That was before my time," he said.

The police report also said companies belonging to Centralsul filed suit in 1987 against the Bank of America, calling for the return of \$140 million allegedly diverted to Houston, the report said that case ended in 1987 with a settlement in which the Bank of America forgave \$22 million in

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## Violence hits share prices in Pakistan

KARACHI, Pakistan, Feb 3, (Reuter): Share prices have dived on Pakistan's main stock exchange and dealers blamed renewed ethnic violence in Sind

They said the fall on the Karachi exchange in the past week was temporary and discounted the current war of words with India over "lashmir as a cause.

"It has nothing to do with Kashmir," one dealer said.

"Riots, curiews and internal politics are responsible for the dive," another broker said.

The share price index fell to 1,588 at close of husiness on Thursday, from 1,615 a week ago and 1,632 on January 17, an exchange spokesman said. Chemical, sugar and cement shares dived and turnover dropped to about a million shares compared with 1.2 million on January 24 and 1.9 on January

Emphasised still seemed to be on selling rather than buying as the new trading week began today "take, take," shouted a broker with his hands raised to attract buyers hut exchange president Jahangir Siddiqi said there was no panic selling.

At least 15 people have died in violence between native Sindhis and Mohajir immigrants in Hyderabad since Tuesday.

Authorities imposed a curfew on part of Sind's second largest city to suppress rioting which has cost more than 1,050 lives in the prevince since 1986.

## **Barclays** official to visit Gulf

ONE of the senior most managers of Barclays Bank Travellers Cheques — Richard Thomas Butt, CRSD — director responsible for Travellers Cheques and Credit Cards worldwide will be visiting the Gulf Region for the first time. His visit reflects Barclays Bank's commitment towards the region and its goal to foster closer ties.

Butt will be accompanied by Peter Graham Haward, Barclays Visa Travellers Cheques Director — marketing and sales, who has visited the region on three previous occasions always renewing his commitments in the Middle East and Andrew P. Campbell - regional director -Middle East and Indian sub-continent, who has been transferred from Barclays Tokyo to expand the Bahrain office and provide strong support to the Gulf

They will be louring Saudi Arabia from 2nd to 5th Feb. Kuwait 5th and 6th Feb. UAE 2nd and 7th Feh and Bahrain on

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DAVOS, Switzerland, Feb ?, (Reuter): The

United States said today that successful com-

pletion of the 105-nation Uruguay round of

world trade talks was essential if the world

inwards, trade will contract and growth will

be diminished," US trade representative

Carla Hills told an annual meeting of business

Speaker after speaker at the World Econ-

omic Forum has stressed the urgency of rea-

ching agreement in the four-year Uruguay round, designed to liberalise world trade

But the European Economic Community

said recently that the talks, which are due to

end in December and cover 15 sectors of

international commerce, could fail due to lack

of agreement on the key issue of farm subsidy

Washington wants to remove trade-distor-

ting farm subsidies, hut there has been

increasing speculation in trade negotiating

One senior US official told a hriefing in

Davos he was concerned about the state of the

circles that the EEC may not compromise.

and political leaders in this Swiss ski resort.

"If we fail, we shall see countries turn more

economy was to prosper into the 1990s.

## The week in business

## US economy is not sliding into recession

NEW YORK, Feb 3, (UP1): The Commerce Department reported this week that the index of leading indicators, a set of 11 economic measures used to forecast economic activity, rose a strong 0.8 per cent in Decem-

This sharp rise, after a mere 0.1 per cent gain in November and a drop of 0.3 per cent in October, led analysts to say the economy may emerge from its sluggishness without falling into a recession

The report, released Wednesday, was the strongest since April, when the index also elimbed 0.8 per cent. However, the National Association of

Purchasing Management said Thursday that US economic growth continued to decline in January for the ninth straight month and at the greatest rate of decline since December 1982.

The purchasing managers' index fell in January to 45.2 per cent down from 46.7 per A reading below 50 generally indicates the

The association also revised the index for December down to 46.7 per cent, from the 48 per cent reported in January to take into account seasonal adjustment factors used

manufacturing segment of the economy is experiencing a decline in growth.

by the Department of Commerce.
On Friday, the government said demand for airplanes, ships and military tanks sent factory orders up 1.9 per cent in December for a second monthly rebound after a disappointing October. pointing October.
The \$4.5 billion surge to \$244.2 billion followed a 2.4 per cent increase in November and a 0.1 per cent drop in October, the Commerce Department said. Factory orders finished 1989 at \$2.8 trillion, 6.4 per

cent ahead of 1988. Analysts said the data was another indication that the economy is not sliding into a recession, and that the increase suggests the possibility of a steadier pattern of activity in the industrial sector, which has been weakening for the past several months. Also Friday, the government reported January's mild weather boosted construction employment to offset jobs lost at temporarily idled auto plants, keeping the civilian unemployment rate unchanged circums to be a seen of the second sec since June at 5.3 per cent.

The Labour Department's Bureau of Labour Statistics reported that 6.5 million Americans were unemployed last month. The nation's retailers Thursday reported hrisk January sales gains spurred by mark-downs that lured bargain-conscious shop-

Throughout the industry, sales gains at stores that were open one year earlier. known as same- or comparable-store sales and considered by analysts to be the best indication of performance, were better than expected, analysts said.

The nation's largest retailer, Chicago-based Sears, Roebuck and Co., said samestore sales were up 3.3 per cent, while No. 2 K Mart Corp. of Troy, Michigan, said samestore sales rose 3.1 per cent. Fast-growing

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. of Bentonville, Arkansas, posted a comparable-store gain of 10

On Wall Street, John J. Phelan Irannounced Thursday he is resigning as chairman and chief executive officer of the New York Stock Exchange at the end of the year.

Phelan, who has headed the exchange for six years, ruled out taking a government post at this time, quashing rumours that had swept the financial markets for two days that he would replace US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady.

No successor was named, and the board appointed a transition committee to make recommendations to the board this fall.

As chairman, Phelan saw the market through the insider trading scandals that shouk Wall Street in the late 1980s and through its biggest loss ever when the Dow Jones industrial average plummeted 508 points Oct 19, 1987.

Phelan said he did not have any specific

plans, but said he bopes there will be another career out there for me.

Stocks closed higher Friday as a new burst of takeover activity and a more upbeat perception of the economy fuelled a rally, helping the Dow to close just above the key 2600 level, at 2602.70.

Stocks closed mixed in quiet trading Thursday, with the blue chips pressured by profit taking after a 47-point rally Wednesday. It was the market's biggest rally since its surge to record highs Jan 2.

Stocks closed lower Tuesday and closed broadly lower Monday in moderate trading. Before computerised buying kicked in, the Dow industrials were down about 25 points led by a slump in takeover-related issues.

Analysts blamed the selloff in so-called

"deal" stocks on severe weakness in the Junk-bond market. The bonds of RJR Holdings Capital, issued to finance last year's \$25 billion leveraged buyout of RJR Nabafter Moody's investors service downgraded the bonds.

On the oil market, the government reported Thursday that the difference between the price refineries paid for crude oil and the amount they charged for heating oil made from crude, soared fourfold during the recent December freeze.

But the energy information administration in its report to Congress noted it was "too early to translate these (margins) into

The ELA report was made in response to congressional concerns and northeast governors' questions of how much profits rose and who profitted from the near-record December cold snap and rise in consumer heating oil prices.

It noted that margins do not account for refining, distribution, transportation, storage and other costs, nor reflect the actual volume of product sold.

## **US wants lower** rates: Brady

Inflation will continue to hover around 4pc mark

WASHINGTON, Feb 3, (UPI): The administration would like to see lower long-term interest rates. Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady said Friday in remarks before the congressional joint economic commit-

Brady said it is "unfortunate" that recent increases in interest rates in Germany and Japan will "create an uptick in rates of 30year US bonds,"
He 2|so acknowledged that

differences exist between the administration and the Federal Reserve over the direction of interest rates.

probably has a hias toward (economic) growth that is greater than the Fed," he said. Lower interest rates stimulate business activity and consumer buying. "Ohviously we'd like

"I think the administration

lower long-term interest rates," For more than a year, the Fed has tightened credit in an effort

reported today.

manufactured goods rose 1.9 per cent in December and

closed out the year up 6.4 per cent, the government

ble and non-durable manufactured goods totalled a seasonally adjusted \$244.2 billion in the final month of

1989 after rising 2.4 per cent in November.

The increase put orders for the year at \$2.83 trillion after a 9.7 per cent increase in 1988, the largest since 1983.

Durable goods were up 5.9 per cent for the year, following gains of 11 per cent in 1988 and 7.6 per cent in 1987.

For much of the year, Federal Reserve interest rate policies held back orders for durable goods — big-ticket

items expected to last more than three years - because

and jumped 4.8 per cent in November and 3.2 per cent in

After the December report, analysts said it appeared the manufacturing sector of the Comomy was stabilizing.

But the manufacturing sluggishness through much of

1989 was reflected in the report's figures for the entire year: While durable goods orders were up 5.9 per cent to \$1.52 trillion, they advanced at their slowest pace since a 0.4 per

In addition to new orders, the Commerce Department

But durable goods orders started to perk up late this fall

many of those goods are financed through loans.

The Commerce Department said orders for both dura-

to slow economic growth and keep inflation under control. At the same time, the Central Bank has been trying to avoid driving the economy into a recession.

Recent economic indicators have shown that the Central Bank has been successful in engineering this so-called soft But in recent weeks, differen-

ces have surfaced between the administration and the Federal Reserve after White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater called upon the Fed to lower rates. Federal Reserve chairman

Alan Greenspan, in congressional testimony, called Fitzwater's comment "inappropriate. Brady, who meets weekly with

Greenspan, termed his discussions with the Fed chairman as 'vigorous" but declined to disclose the subject of the talks. With all due respect, the subject of my discussions with Greenspan is something best

Inventories dip

US factory orders rise

kept between he and I," Brady

On other matters, Brady said he agreed with Greenspan's assessment that the probability of a recession within the next six months has declined. He said the economy is stable, but added that inflation will continue to hover around the 4 per cent mark.

'The US economy is now in its eighth year of sustained real growth, a record peacetime expansion, during which output gains have averaged 4 per cent annually," Brady said.

Growth has been sustained internationally, as well, Brady said, with a 3 per cent economic expansion forecast for the industrial members of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Developemnt.

Brady also said ties between the United States and Japan are "increasingly close," noting that Japan is now the nation's secondlargest trading partner after Canada.

December to \$231.8 billion, while inventories dropped 0.4

If inventories increase without a corresponding gain in

Orders for durable goods rose 3.2 per cent in December

to \$134.4 billion, paced by transportation equipment which was up 11.2 per cent to 40.9 billion.

Large increases in aircraft, shipbuilding and tanks more than offset a decline in motor vehicles, the department said. Without the transportation category, orders would

have edged up 0.2 per cent.

Electrical machinery orders increased 5 per cent to \$22.7 billion, offsetting a decline of 4.7 per cent in non-electrical

Primary metals orders were down 3.8 per cent to \$10.8

The often-volatile defence orders were off t 1.6 per cent to 9.96 billion. Excluding defence, orders would have been

Non-durable orders were up 0.3 per cent to \$109.9

billion, led by a large increase in petroleum products.

In the key category of non-defence capital goods, a barometer of business investment plants, orders rose 18

per cent in December to \$45.9 billion.

new orders, it could signal production cutbacks in the future as factories attempt to get rid of goods on shelves

per cent to 371.5 billion.

machinery to 21.6 billion.

up 2.5 per cent.

and back lots.

## Mexico to sign debt reduction pact

MEXICO CITY, Feb 3, (UPI): Mexico will sign tomorrow a crucial agreement with its foreign commercial lenders to significantly reduce—by some \$13 billion—the country's \$93 billion external debt, a senior official said yesterday.

Jose Angel Gurria, deputy finance minister for international affairs, said the agreement will cover the reduction of the debt's principal, the lowering of interest rates, and

lowering of interest rates, and options to get new loans.

"The economie impact of the accord would mean that Mexico has only an \$80 billion foreign debt," Gurria said, commenting on the long-term financial impact of the international agreement.

Gurria, Mexico's chief negotiator with the country's foreign lenders, said the Central American nation's total foreign debt currently stood at \$93 billion, down from \$100 billion in

The agreement will be signed tomorrow between the Mexican government and a 15-member bank advisory committee representing about 450 foreign commercial len-A Mexican Finance Ministry

spokesman said a US government delegation, beaded by US Treasury Secretary Nicbolas Brady, will attend the signing ceremony. The



Mexican Prasident Carlos Salinas da Gortan and Swiss Economics Minister Jean Pascal Delamuraz share a laugh as thay lace reporters whera they announced that their countries had reached an agreement on economic co-operation. (Reuter wirephoto)

debt reduction negotiations fall under the so-called Brady Plan aimed at helping rescue the Mexican econ-

Gurria estimated the agreement will allow Mexico to reduce into annual repayments by \$3 billion in

Mexico last year disbursed \$12 billion in much needed hard currencies to service its debt. Annual debt

service will be reduced to \$9 billion after the signing.
Under the agreement, Mexico

hopes to lower the amount required to service its foreign debt to 2.9 per cent of its gross domestic product in 1990 and 2.3 per cent in 1991 down from 6 per cent in 1989, Mexican

Mexico's gross domestic product

in 1989 was \$200 billion.

Although it falls short of Mexico's initial expectations, the agreement will reduce Mexico's \$48.5-billion medium-term commercial debt by \$7 billion.

The debt reduction agreement includes three options that the lend ing banks can decide to exercise under the restructuring plan for the \$48.5 billion commercial debt.

Gulf economic indicators

## GDP growth quickens

ECONOMIC indicators for 1989 point to a more promising ootlook than at any time since the beginning of the oil-driven recession in 1983. Higher oil revenues and a slight uptrend in domestic activities brought forth firmer growth in the region's gross domestie product stimated at around 3.5 1989, according to GIB monthly

Export prices of crude oil from the Gulf rose to an average of \$16 a barrel last year compared to \$13.4 a barrel in 1988, an increase of around 20 per cent. The major oil exporting countries of the region boosted their average daily oil production by more than 18 per cent.

This together with higher non-oil exports of petrochemicals, aluminium and other industrial products reflected positively on the external balances of the Gulf countries. Larger current account surpluses are estimated for Kuwait and the UAE while the current account deficits recorded in 1988 by the other Gulf countries are believed to have narrowed to more manageable levels in

Rising oil revenues and the improvement in the geopolitical atmosphere world-wide reflected positively on the overall level of con-fidence in the region.

Optimism is returning to the trad-ing and transport sectors while industries that have been for years operating below full capacity are now experiencing an upturn in activities. Even though construction is no more than thriving sector it used to

be, yet sizeable contracts were still available in certain areas, par-ticularly in defence projects, industry and housing.

There are signs that the private

sector has started lonking more actively at investment opportunities in the region with a resurgence in demand for commercial bank credit, a noticeable increase in the number of applications to industrial development funds for loans to build new plants and expand existing ones, a modest rally in the real estate mark-ets and higher stock prices in most

Gulf countries.

Inflation edged up in 1989 after several years of decline, with the rise in such domestic factors as money supply, government expenditures, rents, wages and prices of services boosting overall consumer prices. This came partly as a reflection of the turnaround in domestic economic activities and therefore was more apparent in some Gulf countries (e.g. the UAE) than in others.

stock exchanges during the year and regulated security trading. Share prices in Saudi Arabia surged higher. with market indices recording a rise of around 22 per cent for the year. However, volume remained very light with the annual rate of turnover less than 5 per cent. Share prices in the UAE and Oman were up while those in Kuwait remained generally subdued over the course of the year. With cost eutting and much of the bad loan provisioning behind them, Gulf commercial banks reported a

general rise in profitability for 1988 and this trend continued in 1989. During the year, Saudi Arabia, UAE and Kuwait pressed ahead with plans to raise their oil production

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from 6.5 mbpd to 10 mbpd. In Qatar, the development of the North Field gas scheme made further headway last year, while Bahrain went ahead with a number of schemes to expand the country's industrial infrastructure.

exaggerated. So far the upturn has been slow and mainly driven by positive developments in the external sectors. The region's economies still lack

autonomy and self sufficiency and are vulnerable to fluctuation in oil prices and unforeseen changes in the world markets for petrochemicals aluminium and natural gas.

The Gulf countries remain as well over-dependent on imports, expatriate labour and foreign know-

how. The need to create internal momentum of growth shielded to a certain extent from adverse developments abroad has become par-

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The rising expectations of the region's rapidly expanding populations and the problems of unemployment and underemployment that have become more evident last year will provoke fresh thinking about economic policies this year and in the 1990s.

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## **Currency fund launched**

SCIMITAR, the investment arm of Standard Chartered Bank, launched a Bermuda-based Guaranteed Currency Fund on Thursday. The offer period of the Fund closes on March 9.

This latest Fund from Scimitar provides international investors with the opportunity for excellent capital growth by trading in the currency market, whilst guaranteeing that the original investment remains

The manager is Scimitar Fund Management (Bermuda) Limited with administration provided by the Bank of Bermuda, (tel. 809) 295 2302) Money invested in advance of the closing date will earn interest. The Fund is closed-ended with a 7-year life but early redemptions are possible after the first six months of trading.
Further information may be obtained from Scimitar Asset Man-

agement Ltd in London or any branch of Standard Chartered Bank.

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gress. I am worried that the trade bawks in

But Hills, speaking just hours before a meeting with EEC external relations commis-

signer Frans Andriessen in Dayos, told repor-

ters she believed agricultural reform could be

Andiessen said earlier in a plenary session

that the EEC was determined to achieve com-

plete success on agriculture in the Uruguay

exercise of bringing into operation a substan-

tial reduction in the support we give to our

United States, the main engine for world

prosperity in the 1980s, could no longer per-

Europe must also open their markets to

form this role as the new decade begins.

agriculture," he said.

"The EEC has already embarked on an

Hills, in another session today, said the

'The EEC, Japan, and perhaps Eastern

'It requires political will," she said.

Congress will throw it out," he said.

## Stocks and dollar firm

NEW YORK, Feb 3, (Reuter): Wall Street stocks and the dollar rose yesterday as government figures sugges-ted the US economy remains sluggish

but is not about to enter a recession.
US treasury bonds were depressed
by the unexpectedly strong 275,000
gamin January non-farm jobs. Economists said the Federal Reserve was unlikely to act any time soon to lower

interest rates to boost the economy.

Also reinforcing this view was a 1.9 per cent increase in December fac-

World prosperity depends on trade talks success: US promote growth," she said.

She said the United States urgently needed

"I don't think economies that take advan-

She said Washington was pressing Japan to open its markets to foreign-made satellites and super computers and remove discriminatory standards and high tariffs for forestry products and semi-conductors.

round agreement, setting a transition period of several years for dismantling barriers.
World Bank President Barber Conable said industrialised countries were guilty of setting up barriers to prevent imports from develop-

greement on protecting intellectual property rights since violations by other countries of US patents and copyrights were costing it about \$60 billion a year.

Hills also criticised Japan for doing too

little to open its markets to foreign businesses. tage of open markets elsewhere but make it difficult for others trying to enter their markets are exemplary for creating a trading sys-tem," she said.

Hills believed it might be possible to bring the sensitive issue of textiles into the Uruguay

ing countries of items such as shoes, agricultural produce and texules.



# CHEVHOLET

Prepared for the worst

This driver, on the old Cairo-Alexandria road, is prepared for the worst. He has two spare tyres and a

donkey tied to the back of his truck. (Reuter wire-

## Iusic on record

LITTLE RICHARD. "The Specialty Sessions"

(Specialty, SPCD8508).
This three-disc CD retrospective of Little Richard's

output on specialty documents one of the wildest of all the carly rockers in full, weird glory,

The paskage, which also exists as a five-LP set, consists of 13 hacks in thronological order, all recorded between 1955 and 1964. The box is of enormous historic value. It represents Richard's entire output for specialty, from his best known hits such as "Tutti Frutti," "Good Golly Miss Molly" and "Long Tall Sally" to the most obscure tracks, outtakes, demos, recently discovered masters and bet-

Included are the original demos of "Baby" and "All Night Long," which got him signed to the label in 1955, rehearsals of "Slippin" and Slidin"," alternate takes of "Kansas City," and a series of radio commercials Richard did for Royal Crown bair dressing in the '50s.

The tracks are annotated extensively in a 32-page book-let, which also includes a historical overview and some

funny. James Levine (yes, the same one who conducts at the Metropolitan opera), Hans Schellenberger and Milan THE big Carla Bley Band, "Fleur Carnivore" (watt/?]

The big Carla Bley Band, "Fleur Carnivore" (watt/?]

Turkovic do it well.

Carla Bley revived her bib band for a 1988 European tour that culminated with a recording at Copenhagen's Montmartre Jazz Club. While her sound and writing has a very personal stamp, Bley's big band music is rooted beavily in the swing tradition. Much of the colouring and

subtleties have an Ellington tinge.
That is particularly evident on the title cut, which was Ellington's death. Structurally, the most intriguing offering is "Song of the Eternal Waiting of Canute," and not for the name. It blends a breezy flamenco feel with some tailgate call-and-response between trombonist Gary Valente and the brass section, and an ensemble horn sound

that is downright gorgeous.

Bley and friends have come up with another winner.
(UPI)

JAMES LEVINE, piano, ensemble Wien-Berling, "Poulene: Chamber Music" (Deutsche grammophon, 427

When you have a big wart on your nose, it's probably not a good idea to take life 100 seriously. A psychobiography of Francois Poulenc in one sen-

Whatever the reason, Poulenc, whose proboscis really was so adorned, composed amusing, sometimes outright funny music,

Some critics (the ones you hope you never meet at parties) mistake light-hearted for light-weight. It is no accident that one of Poulenc's more serious works, the "Concerto for Organ, Strings and Timpani," is called a masterpiece, while his witty "Concerto For two Pianos" languishes.

Ensemble Wien-Berlin has produced a collection of five chamber, works, that shows what memorable music

chamber works that shows what memorable music Poulenc could produce when aiming simply to entertain.

appealing until its scampering finale. Karl Leister has nice

"Sonata for Flute and Piano" is wonderful throughout, one of Poulenc's finest compositions and a highlight of classical music's flute repertory. Wolfgang Schulz plays on

flute, ably.
"Elegie" for horn and piano is a stitch. An ever-so-

so wild it had to be a gag. Gunter Hogner solos.
All return for a "Sextet" that is billed as being influenced
by Stravinsky, but which sounds more to this listener as if it reacts :0 Schoenberg's "chamber symphony," especially the famous born call in rising fourths, which is quoted directly and at the same pitch in the finale. A beautifully engineered recording, packed with more

## Russian actress welcomes emigre competition

HOLLYWOOD, (UPI): Long before Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms in the Soviet Union, Leeza Vinnichenko came up with ber own version of glasnost by fleeing to

The blonde, round-faced, plump aetress needs only a bubushka to complete the picture of a Russian peasant, a character she bas been playing in Hollywood movies and TV shows for more than 20 years.

For years the native of Nalehick on the Black Sea was the only Soviet-born actress working regularly in American films - a distinction that has been a mixed blessing. "I have always been called in when a role required a Russian woman," she said.

But many times the parts went to American actresses putting on accents, Oriental, Mexican and Indian actors are protesting against such practices, but there aren't enough Russians to make a noise for casting ethnic performers.

There were countless Russian roles 1 didn't get, so I have been obliged to play other ethnie minorities, including all kinds of Europeans. I couldn't eat if I depended on playing Russians.

"Anyhow, most Russian parts call for villains and almost all of them are men." She bas played French, Germans, Scandinavians even an American doctor in an

episode of "Doogie Howser, M.D." "I was cast in the only colour episode of "Perry Mason" TV show, playing a Mexican woman with a black wig. Because of my blue eyes there were not too many

closeups. Most often, however, she plays women named Freda, Svetlana, Helga and Olga. With the advent of glasnost, Vinnichenko finds herself coming out of the

"For my whole career I was in the closet," she said. "I arrived as an actress at the time of the McCarthy bearings when all things Russian were suspect and looked down upon. I did not advertise the fact I

Now that she is able to speak proudly of ber beritage. Vinniebenko expects more acting competition from Soviet immigrants who find their way to Hollywood. She does what she can to help them find agents and make contacts.

There are only about five competent Russian actresses in town right now," she said. There are many more actors.

But no Russian has become really prominent since Leonid Kinskey and Mischa Auer

There will be more Russians coming to Hollywood, but the difficulty is that the main tool of the actor is language. It is terribly hard for an adult Russian to learn to speak English without an accent.

For example there is Savely Kramarov who was Russia's biggest superstar, a favourite of the Kremlin. He is here now but he can only find small roles. The same is true of Vladimir Skomarovsky. He was very famous in the Soviet Union.

"Vladimir is a genius, but cannot prove it in Hollywood films. He is Jewish. It is easier for Russian Jews to get out of the country than it is for non-Jews. As far as I know, I'm the only Russian actress here who is not Jewish."

A hearty, good-natured woman, Vinnichenko says Russians in the film commun-'I don't know wby most of them do not hang around with other Russians." she said. "Yakov Smirnoff prefers the company of Americans because he must keep abreast of cultural trends, gossip and expressions for his comedy act.

There is a different mentality among Russians when they isolate themselves We're a very strange breed. We are not as supportive of one another as other minonty groups. That's because we come from deprivation and shortages.

Russians establish themselves and are afraid new arrivals from the Soviet Union will take things like jobs away from them. They feel the newcomers' success will diminish the possibility of their success.

"I don't want to sound lofty or self-satisfied. It is only because I have been in America long enough to think and feel like an Amencan.

"I've been here since 1955 so I suppose I am mother Russia in Hollywood. The new arrivals know who I am and come to me for

help.
"The more Americans give to someone have for themselves. I else, the more they have for themselves. I am American citizen.

## Stars making big business on the side

flower bouquet or hand-made cow-boy boots, Robert Redford will be

happy to ohlige. For the former Sundance Kid has launched a Sundance mail order catalogue selling both, among other things — and joined the growing movement of movie stars with a

second husiness on the side.
The bouquet (yours for \$25), and boots (10 you, a mere \$299) are com-peting with such merchandise as Joan Collins's costume jewellery to

convince us they are star huys. Eating like a star - or like a star would have you eat offers even more choice. On the menu are Paul Newman's salad dressing, Frank Sin-atra's pasta sauces, Sammy Davis's condiments, Ken Kercheval's pop corn and pickles from Masb's Jamie

corn and pickles from Mash's Jamie Farr, who plays Klinger.

But the competition is hottest in the perfume market where newest-comers Muhammad Ali and Delphie Gihson are joining-Liz Taylor, Cher, Linda Evans, Joan Collins, Bjorn Borg, and John Forsythe in pursuit of the sweet smell of commercial success.

Priscilla Presley is believed to be working on a fragrance of her own while Julio Iglesias talks aftershave with a hunch of money men.

Fitness, too, has become a big ear-ner for the shapely likes of Jane Fonda, Raquel Welsh, Vierona Prin-cipal and Linda Evans with their advice books, records and videos. While Liz Taylor bas proved if you

are big enough you can have your cake and eat it, with ber book Elizabeth Takes Off. She watched the eash pour into ber bank account as fast as the pounds were returning to her frame when she abandoned her

Elizabeth Takes Off again cannot yet be ruled out. The whole point of star selling is

that we are being offered not just a pair of earnings or bottle of scent but a dream. Eat it, wear it, read it, watch it, and you too will be beautiful, successful, rich, glamorous.

That byper-sensitive workaholie with the Midas touch, Joan Collins.

has even tried her hand at novel writ-ing with Prime Time. The critics panned it, but they did not stop her

carning £2 million from it - and that is before the paperback or the mini-

Now, without even waiting for that second or third bonanza, the S6year-old who was reluctant for years 10 admit her true age, is working not on the sequel but on the prequel, Star Quality. She has already hanked a 1

million pound advance.

Joan has known rich and poor and In the low days before she relaun-

ehed her career with the help of sister Jackie's books. The Bitch and The Stud, she remembers dole queues in an old scarf with people still recognis-ing her and saying: "Didn't you use to be Joan Collins?"

She says: "I vowed I would never end my days begging for handouts." That now looks unlikely.
The Catch 22 is that you have to

riding the crest of a career wave to give your sideline lift-off and when you are earning big bucks you need strong mouvation like dole queue memories to put in the extra working

Joan says it was an incident in a Greek restaurant that convinced her there was a market for stylish costume jewellery.

She made a scene when she thought she had lost a £30,000 diamond bracelet then found it in ber bandbag. She says: "It convinced me to start my own line in costume jewel!-ry. I couldn't stand the worry of losing anything valuable."

Worry ber it might but it would not break ber. For, on top of her huge acting and authoring incomes and the jewellery profits, she is putting in £100,000 a year for endorsing Scoundrel scent plus five percent of sales, or about another £700,000 per annum.

If that is not peanuts, Elizabeth Taylor with ber book plus her per-fume, Passion, was reckoned to be 1988's top earner in the show-husiness league. Informed estimates reck-oned she made £4 1/2 million.

Much-married Liz, who is considering taking the plunge again with ex-building worker and fellow graduate of the Betty Ford booze clinic Larry Fortensky, 20 years her junior, did work for it.
She travelled the length and breadth of America pushing Passion



Joan Collins (left). Julio Iglesias.

eval, alias scheming Cliff Barnes of

six bullets into the Dallas set before taking his own life.

Phillips had been voted out as president in April, 1988, when Ken won control. He believed Ken had

"Car-washing, opening shops, any-(two versions, his and hers) from giant hillboards, magazine covers, television chat shows, and hastilything."
Sundance mail order is not Robert Redford's first venture into comerected platforms draped with purple in small town department stores. merce. The actor, who also named his Then she expanded the operation Utah estate Sundance Valley after

on to an even larger stage — the world. But when a London fan, obviously with Joan Collins in mind. the film that made him a star back in 1969, has a ski resort there with restaurants, gift shops and a cinema,
"I've learned life doesn't reflect the
Boy Scout code," he says. "It isn't asked her if she would be launching her own line in jewellery next, she got a quickfire pui down.
"I like my jewellery launched at me," she replied. bout how you play the game. It is

about winning."
Sammy Davis Jnr was another to Paul Newman's food company, iump on the celebrity business band-Newman's Own, began in a small way when friends admired his salad dressing and suggested he market it. wagon this with the launch of his range of sauces and seasonings called Sammy's best and based, he says, on his own recipes.

Frank Sinatra makes the same Profits have soared to £5 million in

the last four years.
But none of it goes in to his own claim for his gooey pasta sauces named Artanis — or Sinatra back-wards. "I've had some nice compocket. He gives every cent from Newman's Own spagetti sauce, salad dressing, popeorn and Old Fashioned Roadside Lemonade to pluments about my cooking over the years," he says. "I've always made pasta sauces for my friends."

250 charities be supports.
More than £2 million has gone into his pet project, The Hole In The Wall There can be unexpected hazards in going into husiness, as Ken Ker-Gang Camp, for children with leuk-Dallas, discovered after he took up emia and other cancers, named after His partner, Ed Phillips, tried to kill him before he surned his gun on himself in July. He actually empried with him and Redford in Butch Cassidy And The Sundance Kid. The 90 children at a time who visit

the camp for 14 days pay nothing for their stay. Newman meets the costs, with a little bit of help from anyone be can persuade. "I'll do anything to get funds for it," Newman says. ruined his popoorn business and wrecked his marriage. Police found a hale latter to the actor in the dead man's pocket.

When Muhammed Ali takes the wraps off what he hopes will be his passport to some sweet-smelling pay cheques, he will be joining John Forsythe, whose aftershave spray is called Carrington, and Bjorn Borg, who has named his Bjorn Borg after

But even if Julio Iglesias goes ahead and adds his splash-on aimed at "the romanie man," Ali will not be joining as cut-throat a market as that of the women's perfume war,

With a bigger potential market to go for, Ms Taylor's Passion and Ms Collins's Scoundrel are hattling it out with Cher's spicy perfume. Uninhibited (which made her £1,3000,000
last year), with Linda Evans's more
subtle Forever Krystle.
Latest to join is Debbie Gibson,
with the Priscilla Presley entry sult on
the drawing board. Debbie's Electric

Youth is made by Revlor who describe it as "flirtatiously fruity-floral." The market's veerdier is

Linda Evans does not have to rely entirely on acting and Forever Krys-tle to keep her in crusts. She also made £700,000 last year from her Workout Book while former Dallas star Victoria Principal cashed in with The ody Principal to the tune of £t

## Fellag pokes fun at taboos

than 70 minutes of music. (UPI)

## Algerians in stitches

ALGIERS, (Reuter): The Rolling eyes, clastie face and Chaplinesque quirks of comedian Mohammed Fellag have Algerians in stitches - in a country that badly needs a laugh.

"I don't spare anything," said Fellag with an impish grin after another packed house in the posh Riadb El-Feth recreational complex. Fellag, 39, bas made artistic history in Algeria by breaking one taboo after another in one-man plays that combine slapstick with

sharp political satire. Nothing escapes his wit, be it sex, religion, censorship, the one-party state that ruled Algeria for 27 years or the troubled democracy now replacing it.

Muslim fundamentalists went on the warpath after his 1989 play Cocktail Khortov was televised nationally and brought jokes about condoms into millions of Algerian homes. After denunciations in the mosques, one

anonymous letter read, "you are a Salman Rusbdie. I am going to kill you." Fellag remains unruffled and irrepressibly iconoclastic. His new play SOS La Bas (SOS everything's fine) is sold out a month in

"I try to touch our taboos, to scratch where it hurts a little," he told Reuters. "I often talk about sex because I know it's an enormous hang-up with us, and you can't get to the

Algerian soul without touching it. Drifting in and out of French and Algerian Arabic as Algerians often do, Fellag presents his version of an evening on state television,

**FAMILY DOCTOR** 

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

long the butt of jokes for its stale program-ming and strait-laced morality.

The newscaster keeps repeating, "every-thing is absolutely fine." But as the audience well knows, the economy is a mess, fundamentalism is on the rise and a nascent democracy sometimes looks like chaos.

Foreigners who do not know Algerians well often find them dour, and Fellag comments, "Algerians have an enormous potential to laugh that never found an outlet. The political system was just too serious," referring to the one-party socialist state created at independence from France in 1962. One videotaped scene depicts a fictional

Algerian space programme in which the astronaut never gets off the ground -- but is convinced an extraterrestrial creature bas stolen his burnous. Another shows Fellag the TV reporter wrapping up the day's fluctuations on "Wall

Street" - an Algiers sidewalk crammed with black-market cassette players where the dinar is worth one-fifth its official value. He wonders if Algeria is not becoming a

banana republic -- "without the bananas," a reference to the popular fruit's scarcity in Algerian stores. An Algerian bewildered by the sudden out-

doctor. "Every day there are strikes, and demonstrations, and a new political party. Everybody shouts all the time. Don't you have any pills to keep my bead from spin-

break of democracy seeks advice from his

ning?" The patient complains.

"The only remedy is to form your own party," replies the doctor. Fellag acts out courses for unemployed youths on bow to pick up girls, and describes the bousing minister's horror on seeing eustoms agents burn two million condoms.

Every condom burned is another house to build." he laments, thinking of the country's demographic explosion.

Fellag shocked Algerians last year when he became the first to use his native Berber language on television. Berber, the original language of North Africa, bas until recently been shunned in the media as part of an Arabisation policy.

There is one subject on which Fellag becomes quite serious — Islamic fundamentalists, the largest opposition force in Algeria, which he describes as "a threat to the development and balance of this soceity. A bush overtakes the theatre when Fellag

acts out the last scene, his own apocalyptical vision of a fundamentalist future. "Did you hear they've bought the Berlin

wall at an auction and put it back up in Algeria - with men on one side and women on the The men prove unable to care for themselves. Garbarge, flith and disease overtake

them while the women build a prosperous community full of sweet-smelling gardens. As the curtain falls, Fellag is on the floor crying out across the wall: "Come back, forgive us, you can do anything you want.'



OUESTION: My daughter's school provides regular examinations by the school nurse to make sure that all is » developing correctly. After just such Lan exam, I received a note from the inurse stating that my daughter was developing a condition named "scoliosis" and required a ::physician's examination. Please help me by explaining this condition in

ANSWER: It is imperative that you take the advice of the school nurse and see your physician. Most of the cases of scoliosis (a medical name for curvature of the spine) are discovered in just such school screen-

referral is always indicated. No one is sure just what the cause of scoliosis is, but we do know some important things. Young girls fall

ing examinations and medical

prey to this condition about twice as frequently as boys and their curvature is usually worse. If there is a history of scotiosis in the family, the chance of a child developing it is about three times more bkely.

Treatment will depend upon the amount of curvature detected on X-

rays. If there's a curve of less than 20

degrees from normal, most cases are

merely observed closely without any

treatment other than a programme of exercise, muscle stretching and stren-gthening.

A great number of different types of braces are now being used in the United States, and the use of ligtweight plastie has made this type of treatment much more acceptable to youngsters, who can wear the braces under their clothing and have a great deal of freedom of motion.



Baby Sam is hugged by his mother Gillian with Bob Poutney.

## Saved by the gentle angels from the sky

By Francis Hubbard

TINY SAM HARCUS, born 11 weeks prematurely, had just bours to live without urgent medical attention. But he was stranded with his parents on a remote island, miles from the specialist care be needed. Then, help dropped from out of the sky. A Royal Air Force belicopter raced through thick fog to fly Sam to the mainland. Even though his heart stopped

beating when equipment failed, the heroes from 202 Search and Rescue Squadron fought to keep him alive during the 80 mile journey A burly crewman gave the minute three and a half pound baby two-finger heart-massage. Now Sam, and the men of 202 Squadron, are to star in a dramatic new 13-part

ITV documentary called Rescue. It will show survivors of the Piper Alpha disaster being winched, from the blazing North Sea oil-rig... the battle to save fisherman from a sinking boat inicy Atlantic waters ... and the rescue of avalanche victims buried under feet of snow. When I visited 202 Squandron's bome at the Royal Air Force base in

Lossiemouth, northern Scotland, I met the modest stars of what promises to be a blockbuster series. The temperature was a numbing seven degrees centigrade below zero, typical of the winter weather in the bleak Scottish Highlands. The Search and Rescue

crew are often called out in Arctic conditions to help people caught in gales and It was just such bitter weather when the helicopter team struggled to save the life of baby Sam. When he was born on the little Orkney island of Sanday, off the north-east coast of Scotland, dense fog had stopped all normal air and ferry

services to the mainland. To Sam's mother, 21-year-old Gillian, it was a miracle that the men from 202 Squandron managed to reach her that day, She told me: "I was desperate when

Samarrived three months early and we couldn't find any way to reach a bosnital. "By the time the coastguard came to take Sam to the next island, where the helicopter was to pick him up, I was in shock and too upset to go on the boat with him. They got him to Kirkwall, in the Ornkneys, somehow, and from there the helicopter flew him to Aberdeen. Sam's lungs and heart were to immature to work properly without equipment, but the incubator and heart monitor brought over by the coastguard both failed

on the flight. The RAF crew kept him alive with beart-massage and sheer will-"It was four days before I was well enough to catch a flight to see him at the hospital. When I did, I was overwhelmed with gratitude to the men who saved his life. I can't say 'thank you' to them enough. They were great. Really brilliant, 'I went through a hard time to have Sam but he was worth it. My record is that

he was born just 14 bours after I was married. I went into labour as the last guests from the wedding reception were leaving!" Sam, now a bouncing 17 months old, has completely recovered. His new baby sister Leah, aged four months, also had a dramatic start in life. She was born to

Gillian and her fisherman husband Alan in the back of a bus.

Gillian and her fisherman husband Alan in the oack of a bus.

Sadly, not all of the 202 Squadron rescues have the Harcus' happy ending.

One of the most distressing calls that they had to answer while the documentary team was filming was the Piper Alpha oil-rig disaster.

On July 6, 1988, 165 men died when the oil platform, moored off the coast of berdeen, exploded into an inferno after sparks ignited a gas leak.

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Although 62 men survived, it was the world's worst ... disaster.

The call to "scramble" reached 202 Squadron minutes after the tragedy bappened. Flight Lieutenant Pat Thirkell was in the second belicopter to arrive on the scene and he vividly remembers the events of that night.

He told me: "I was actually in the bath at bome when I was alerted to go out. I broke all speed records to drive the 22 miles to the base in 15 minutes flat.

## Bahrain's most popular hotelier

## **Mohammed Buzizi**

By Yakub Razzaque Arab Times Staff

HOTEL business in Gulf is relatively a new industry just uoder two decades old. Traditiooally Arabs, including Gulf oationals, have looked down upoo this field to earn their livelibood. Generally Arab youth have been reluctant to pursue a career in the hotel and catering industry, which they tend to consider a low-grade and financially unrewarding occupation.' Conscious of their social status young Arabs are also oot attracted to a service-oriented career which iovolves serving food, cooking and general

However times are oow changing. Development of tourism and the construction of an increasing number of hotels of all classes throughout the Gulf states have slowly hut steadily been attracting young Gulf nationals to join this potentially rewarding industry. Nationalisation policy in the labour market, severe competitioo and limited employment options bave also compelled some youngsters to have second thoughts and give this oovel form of occupation as far as Gulf Arabs are concerned, a try.

Back io the sixties there were hardly any Bahrainis in the hotel business for the simple reasoo that there were no first class hotels in existence. But with the operation of the island's first genuine international hotel, the Gulf Hotel in 1970, a number of young nationals took the initiative to 'experiment' in this unknown career.

Mobammed Buzizi raoks among that first bunch of Bahraini pioneers in the hotel iodustry and today is generally regarded as the best known and

CINEMA

Al Andalus

Al Hamra

Batman Sahniyah Hall Booked

Drive-in Arabic film Al Firdous

Fahaheel

Anjaana

Al Jahra

Maa Beti

Granada

Fakira

Arabic film

Ninja Operatioo

Bandhan Anjaana

Ahmadi Drive-iu

Licence to Kill

**PRAYERS** 

The Boy Who Could Fly

most popular hotelier in the country. This feat was achieved over the years by qualities of hard-work, perseverance and above all determination. For indeed Buzizi's climb to the pinoacle of his profession belongs to the realm of success-story where one works one's way from the mundane environment of a kit-

But what strikes out as ao extraordinary brilliant fact is the way this coterprising young Bahraini managed to literally hire himself into his new place of work: A twist of reversed psychology was evident here oo that day of joh ioterview when instead

chen to the posh office of the

general manager.

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MORNING

9.30 Opening and Holy

9.40 Sabah Ai-Kher, news

10.15 Magazine D'Actualite

(repetition) 10.30 Ghoraba Fi Al

Madecoa:

Foreign

serial (part 7)

12.25 News summary 12.30 Sabah Al Kher final

closedown

Ouran

5.15 Cartoons

**EVENING** 

12.35 Holy Quran aod

4.00 Opening and Holy

4.15 The World Today via

satellite (repetition)
4.45 Saham Al Fadha: car-

5.45 Night chemists, air-

advertisements 6.00 Al Fareso Al Aasheq:

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Arahic

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Ouran

9.50 Cartoon serial

of being asked questions by the general manager, an English-man, Buzizi ended up interviewing his prospective boss himself.

'I found myself doing most of the talking and asking more questions simply because I wanted to find out what kind of career I was getting into. It may bave been an unusual approach hut I only wanted to ensure I was making the right career decision

reminicsed Buzizi.

After the initial shock of being interviewed died down, the English hotel boss was deeply impressed by this youogman's extraordinary approach to a joh interview session and offered



**TELEVISION PROGRAMMES** 

historical serial (part

gramme, prepared and

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Nabat: local pro-

7.15 The Agricultural Magazine: local pro-

7.45 Deewaniyat Shuara Al

8.30 Good Eveolog and

9.45 Al Laebooo Fi Al Nar: Arahic serial (part 12)

10.45 Al Itezar: Arabic late

Layla Jaber

12.05 The World Today via

12.30 Holy Quran aod

6.00 Opening announ-cement and Holy

12.00 News Summary

Satellite

KTV 2

night feature, starring

Abbas Al Nouri Samiya Jazaeri,

Ahmad Addas aod

Al Yousifi

ramme

local news

9.00 News in Arabic

7.00 Varieties

Buzizi was exempted from the required preliminary tests and began his new career. After having worked as a schoolteacher briefly this hotel business presented him a challenge he would duly fulfil in the years ahead with flying colours.

After a two-year training period in Britain, sponsored by the Gulf Hotel, Buzizi returned home and found himself doing the basics in the hotel or as he likes to put it the 'general chores'. This included working in the kit-chen, cleaning, making hoss

amoog others.
"I am proud to say that I did
everything I was told to do. I was never ashamed to perform the most menial tasks assigned to me. I was sure that one day sooo I would go on to bigger and better things," said Buzizi

Sure enough, he was put in the sales team in the hotel and the subsequent years saw him rise to the top. Periods of training stints in sales followed and took him to some of the World's leading hotels including the Dorchester in Londoo and the Shangri-La in Singapore. After successfully serving as the Sales Director of Gulf botel, io 1984 be was promoted to his present positioo as the general manager.

Buzizi is adamant that the hotel industry cao provide a rewarding career for his countrymen in the near future.

'I believe that there is a tremendous scope for Bahrainis to do well in this field. The country boasts of a botel training centre with all the facilities. With the development of tourism in the country on a large scale there will be a large number of hotels coming up with many jobs. Sooner or later Bahrainis must and will occupy most of the positions in

Quran 6.10 The New Three Stoo-

6.30 The Beachcombers.

ges. A cartooo series for children

"Over the Hill". Nick

has an accident and

shows all indications

of suffering a heart attack. Home from the

hospital, Nick returns

to his oormal activities

only to fiod all his

friends doing too

with the Goldeo Shoe". A look at the

Celtic tribes that lived

in Europe before Christ. Their civilization,

traditions and social

falo Bill" arrives to

Wildside with his band

for presenting certain

shows.... But Brodie

much for him.

behaviour...

8.00 News in Eoglish
8.30 Wildside. "Buffalo
Who!". A terrorist
claims that be is "Buf-

7.00 The Celts, "The Man

this industry over the next few years. We are doing our best to help the government to achieve

this goal. However Buzizi, who is also the chairman of the general managers committee of deluxe hotels in Bahrain, cautions that young nationals must be prepared to work loog hours and accept reasonable salary initially before progressing to the management

"Some youngsters have this illusion of becoming managers of hotel overnight. If they really expect to do well in this line they must be patient and work hard. Everybody must start from the bottom bere. Work satisfaction and financial gaio will come eventually with experiences," said Buzizi.

According to Buzizi one of the most satisfactory aspects of working as a hotelier is the opportunity to travel to different countries and meet different peo-

"I love travelling and I am glad that my work allows me this lux-ury. Everyday here is different. I enjoy my joh as it is always mteresting.

Like most hotel bosses he is always on the move and there is never a dull moment for him. Whether it is attending an interoatiooal botel conference ahroad or welcoming one of his oumerous guests, Buzizi sparkles just like his personality.

A man who fits his joh like a glove, Buzizi with his brilliant elequeoce, vibrant seoce of bumour and debonair charm enthralls his guests at all times. A confirmed bachelor in his midforties 'married to the botel', he epitomises the spirit of good fun and entertainment with a fivestar touch.

and the Chamber of

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discover their real mis-

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Hyden realises that his

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Francisco. The wife of the Indian Maharaja

returns to Iodia.

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12.00 News in brief

this new type of film.

10.30 Bestseller. "Around the World in 80 Days."

9.30 Coach, "I Am Sorry."

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societies.

10.00 Q.E.D. Putting You in



The Beauty and Spirit of Japan

During Japan Week 1990, there will be a traditional programme presented by Japanese Folk Dance Ensemble. This will include:

**Prologue: Festival Lion** 

As lions are regarded as the messengers of the gods, lioo dances are often found in festivals in Japan.

**Girls Dance** 

Passed down in a snowy oorthern city in Japan, this elegant dance is said to have been one of the original inspirations behind Kahuki dance. The graceful costumes and fans recall the painted screens of ancient Japan. This performance features a selec-tion for three girls selling firewood and flowers.

**Demon Sword Dance** 

Passed down in Northeastern Japan, this virile dance features demoo masks and stroog gestures. It is traditionally performed to console the spirits of the dead. There are many variations, with the three-dancer-version-performed-today being the mostcolourful.

Spider Dance

Kowait

This dance, preserved at Kyoto's Mibu Temple, is based oo a well-known legend. 800 years ago, the ruler was suffering from a mysterious disease. At night a spider emanating a malicious power slips into the palace. The dance depicts the struggle between the spider and the shogun's brave retainers. The highlight is the battle scene, wheo the spider

casts out oumerous webs that create a unique atmos phere oo the stage. Songs and Dances of Tsugaru

This oumber features soogs and dances from the very northern tip of the Japan's main island. There is music for a folk instrument ooted for its richtone and vigorous performing style, as well as dancing to similar folk songs of the same region.

Drum of the War God

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This dance depicts ao episode from the medieva period of civil wars (15-16c). The general had sent his armies to invade the territories of the neighbouring general's clan. To warn his warriors and drive back the enemy, the god of war beats furiously oo his great drum displaying a variety of terrifying expres-

**Battle with the Great Serpent** 

This dance is based on a story from myth and is typical of one of the oldest strains io Japanese dance, and was performed as an offering to the gods. To pacify an evil scrpent, an aged father and mother lear that they must sacrifice their beloved daughter. But the besoic god intervenes to defeat the serpent. First, he filled a buge tuh with rice wine and set it out. When the serpent came to eat the young girl, it saw the wine, drank it, and became sleepy. After a ferocious battle, the hero defeated the serpent. In the tail of the dead serpent, he found a splendid sword. which has been transmitted as ooe of the Three Sacred Treasures of the Japanese Imperia Do not forget the special date: February 5,1990. For tickets, reservation and information, contact the Embassy of Japan on 5312870.

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**WHAT'S ON** 

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**ARTS** 

Fajr Zoh

THE seminar at the DAA. on Arabic and European Art io The Light of Zodiacal Symbolism has been postponed. It will be given during the period Feh 11 - March 11, 1990. Morniog sessions on Sunday and Tuesday 11.00 - 12.30 am or evenu g session on Sunday and Tuesda 6.00 - 7.30 pm. Registration maybe made by phoning the Dar Al Athar Al tslamiyyah, Tel: 2430826, 2453259,

Stamp Show 1990 IN commemoration of the 29th National Day, the Boushahri Gallery will be holding a stamp exhibition, Stamp Show 1990. The exhibition will open oo Monday, February 5, 1990 at 6 pm and will be held until Feb 15. Opening hours (from

second day on) are 9 am to 12 oooo and 4 pm to 8.30 pm.

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SEVENTH Sky's Rock Concert at Al Andalus Cioema on 15th & 16th Feb '90. Featuring Rock, Pop/Rock and Rock 'o' Roll from the 80's. For ioformation and reservation call 5730265, 2543219.

Carnival Fleata '90 YMCA/Incredible S.C. are proud to announce their Carnival Fiesta '90 at Messilah Beach Hotel (Habiba) on Feh

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Konkani drama THE New Goans Overseas Association is pleased to announce Menino De Bandar's 'Sounsarant Astana Diat" a Konkani play which will be held in the Indian Arts Circle (Funaitees) oo 16th February 1990. The cast all from Goa includes M. Boyer, Felcy, Josephine, Betty Alvares, Tita, Junior Rod, Carlos, Rosario Dias, C. D'Silva, John de Parra and Menino de Bandar. Tickets oow available at Canary Video (Sharq) and Video Clock (near G.P.O.). Rush for tickets, one show only.

Ladies international League YOU are invited to attend the next general meeting on Monday, February 5, Sheraton Ballroom A. Our programme will be presented by Claude Maxime. Everyone welcome! Doors open 6 pm, programme begins at 7 pm promptly! Door

Kuwait Little Theatre Kuwait Little Theatre, Ahmadi, present the Kuwait Folk Group in concert oo 14th and 15th February, at 8 pm both nights. Tickets, can be

ordered by phoning 3919759. Videos of the recent very successful pantomime Siobad the Sailor, can be picked up from the theatre oo Sunday 4th February from 7 pm to 9 pm.

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Please contact IAC office

(Tel. 3904817) for further details. All Indian associations engaged in theatrical activities are requested to join. Daniella Fastelabn

Daniella celebrates "Fastelabn" for Danes at Gazelle Cluh on Friday, Feb 16, at 1 pm. For reservations please call Marianne — Tel: 3710215 ext 29 or Winnie — Tel: 5733382 before Feb 13.

Valentine's Party VALENTINE'S Party: Come ioin the fun. Feh 15 dinner buffet-Top Ranks hand, door prizes, Cupid's arrow awaiting! For more information call Nma oo 5339623 or Kathy oo 2523992 (between 6 and 8 pm).

Daniella Coffee Morning Next coffee morning for Danes will take place at the SAS botel oo Sunday February 4 at 9.00 am. For further information, if needed, please call loge oo 3727688 ext 207.

**Kuwait Welsh Society** ST. DAVID's Day huffet dance Thursday 1st March

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PUNJABI Cultural Society in
Kowait is celebrating the 117th birth anniversary of great Pun-jabi Poet Padam Bhushan Bhai Vir Singh on Feh 9, 1990 at 6.30

pm; at the Indian Embassy Auditorium. The noted Punjabi writers, poets and singers will participate. Everybody is welcome. ACT ACT's production of Thortoo

Wilder's comedy "The Skin of Our Teeth" will be presented oo February 27, 28 and March I at 8.00 pm at the Universal American School, Salwa. Tickets can be reserved by calling 572507t or 5731782.

German-Speaking Cultural Association

THE next coffee morning for German-speaking ladies will be held oo Sunday, Feb 4, 10 am, at Kuwait loternational Hotel, Old Failaka Room. Please make an effort to attend. Newcomers are particularly wel-

SPORTS

Coaching classes

COACHING classes for new recruits, who desire to qualify as football referees, conducted hy the Indian Foothall Referees' Association, Kuwait (IFRA), will commence from Friday, Fehruary 23, 1990. loterested candidates may con-

tact D'Souza, Tel: 2402631-2; or Anthooy Fernandes, Tel; 2445729/2431674 or any members of the committee at the Sour Ground in persoo for any further information.

Qualified members of any Indian states' referees' associa-tioos aod/or of Asiao/ European referees associations are welcome to joio the associatioo as members. Tivim Centre

"TIVIM Centre is pleased to anoounce their 3rd Annual 9-aside loter Village Football Tournament which will be held oo the Sour grounds, Kuwait City, begioning March 27/28th 1990. For further information please cootact organisers — 2441860 Casmiro.

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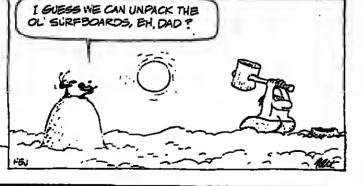




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HE-MAN -- By G. Forton & J. Shull







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Both vulnerable. South deals. NORTH ★ K Q 10 9 7 5 ◇ A 7 4 3

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Opening lead: Six of 4 We are indebted to 5th Column. published by District 5 of the American Contract Bridge League, for today's hand. The bidding was not given, but it might heve gone as

Since a jump to three clubs would not be forcing, South creates a oneround force by rebidding at the two-level in a suit ranking higher than his original strain. North's four diamonds is a cue-bid implying only a heart trick:

club tolerance, and six clubs nicely expresses the playing strength of South's hand.

Any plain-suit lead would have made declarer's life easy. South would win in hand, clear the ace of spades, enter dummy with the queen of trumps and take three heart discards ou the ace of diamonds and king-queen of spades. That would guarantee the slam as long as clubs were no worse than 3-1 and spades 4-2, or if the hand with four trumps ruffed the third round of spades. And if spades broke 3-3, declarer

would reel in an overtrick. The trump lead, however, removed declarer's only entry to the table before it could serve a useful purpose, since the ace of spades blocked the run of that suit. To take a heart discard on the ace of diamonds would serve little purpose, since declarer would still be stranded with two losers in that suit.

There was a very elegant counter available, and declarer found it. After winning the first trick in dummy, declarer cashed the ace of diamonds and discarded the ace of spades from hand! The king and queen of spades were then cashed for two heart pitches and, when both lived, declarer fulfilled his contract, losing



"OK, a cheeseburger for you. Whatabout the Statue of Liberty over here?"

## Maldit States

You will be able to do something very much to your liking. Make sure your partner is taken into your confidence. Do oot interfere in what does oot concern you. Be tact-



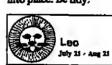
Avoid extravagance but do not be mean either. You will be able to make an important decision about a matter that has been troubling you. And once you have made it do not delay. Be reasonable.



You should pay a little more of other of the state of your health. Do not spend money you have not got in the hope of a windfall. Do not try to run before you can walk. Be compassionate.



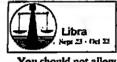
You should not try to do many things all at once. You will tend to be forgetful so do not spurn aide de memoires. Something you have been trying to learn will now fall into place. Be tidy.



You should not neglect your per-sonal life and should take your mind off work for the day. An offer or proposal should be studied carefully before you accept it. Be less selfish.



You will be able to do something you had long wanted to do but it will prove something of a disap-pointment. You should think a little more constructively. Take your mind off gloomy thoughts and look on the bright side. Be fair.



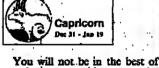
You should not allow your eyes to be bigger than your financial capacity. And if you try to keep up with some well to do neighbours you could well come to grief. Show a little more concern for others. Be



You will be able to solve a mystery, but you should evoid guesswork and jumping to conclusions. Make sure you do not eat too many sweet or starchy foods. Think once again before you make up your mind. Be amenable.



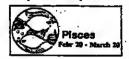
Something you are learning will take longer than you thought but you should persevere. You are liable to be short-tempered and should do your best to restrain yourself. Listen to what others are saving Be sincere.



moodesó try to avoid controversial situations. And do your best oot to get on anyone's nerves. You will be able to avoid making a bad mistake. Be truthful.



Something you had feared might happen will not. If you ask for more than you descrive you will be disappointed. Your lucky oumbers are 14 and 27. You should not dwell too much on the past: live more in the present. Be polite.



A few hours spent tidying up will save a lot of toil at o later date. Make sure you do not exceed any limits whether of speed or of safety or of propriety. Try to avoid heavy expenditures. Be frank.



"Simpkins, how many times have I told you about using the office papershredder to make cole slaw?"



"He said he hates to be a bother, but could you please sharpen this up for tomorrow's battle."

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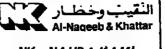
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PARIS, Feb 3, (Reuter): The International Motor Sports

Federation (Fisa) vesterday gave the go ahead to the McLaren

team to take part in this year's

Formula One world champion-

ship after the payment of driver Ayrton Senna's \$100,000 fine.

A Fisa statement said McLaren had apologised for the late payment of the fine, imposed

for dangerous driving by the Brazilian in last October's Japanese Grand Prix in Suzuka. The federation this week gave

McLaren a deadline of January

31 topay the fine, threatening the

sport's leading constructor with exclusion if it did not pay up.

However, the decision to admit McLaren did not solve the problem of the running battle between Fisa and Senna who

must apply for a personal super-

licence to compete before February 15.

Fisa president Jean-Marie Balestre has said Senna would be

refused the license unless he

publicly retracts allegations that

federation officials, including Balestre, rigged last year's world

championship in favour of Fren-

The Brazilian has kept a low

profile since Fisa made the

Senna made his allegations

about Fisa rigging after the Suzuka race in which he was

involved in a crash with then

McLaren team-mate but arch

rival Prost, who was in the lead at

Senna went on to win the race

but was later disqualified. In a

later disciplinary hearing he was

given a six months suspended ban and fined \$100,000 for dan-

demand early last month.

chman Alain Prost.

the time.

## New Zealand 459; India 97 for three

## Hadlee one short of Test history



Hadlee: took Ihree wickets today

Uruguay,

triumph

Costa Rica

bia s 10 men for a 2-0 vic

chances

Colombia opened strong and: twice Uruguayan goalkeeper Fernando Alvez was called on to

make saves in the match between

two countries which will play in

ted in the 31st minute after receiving his second yellow card

within two mintues for dan-

by poor finishing by their South.

American rivals who have won

Colombia kept Uruguay at

Castro ended Colombia's

hopes of holding out for a pen-

alty shootout when he crossed to

substitute Pedro Pedrucci who

it was fumbled by flamboyant

goalkeeper Rene Higuita.
Five minutes later Castro con-

trolled an awkwardly bouncing pass from Johnny Miqueiro and

smacked the ball inside the right-

Higuita entertained the enth-

usiastic crowd of 25,392 in the

Orange Bowl, many of them

waving gigantic Colombian and Uruguayan flags, hy advancing

far ont of his penalty area and

twice dribbling past opponents.

Once he almost paid the price

when he lost control to a

Uruguayan, hut was relieved to

see the shot go wide of the empty

Uruguay will play Costa Rica in the second game of the four-

nation tournament tomorrow

Cup countries.

over US defenders.

with Colombia facing the United

States. Costa Rica beat the

United States 2-0 in the opening

game involving the four World

hullet header after just eight min-

utes to lead Costa Rica to a win against a lethargic US team. The Costa Rican side, sharper and quicker throughout, added a

second goal after 61 minutes when Enrique Diaz ran through on the left and netted a free kick " hy Carlos Garro that floated

The Central Americans, who

won the Concacaf qualifying group from the United States by

a point, consistently beat the big-

ger Americans in air from cor-

Juan Cayasso scored with a

nodded the ball into the net after

the World Cup finals in Italy.
Colombia's chane

gerous tackles.

the World Cup twice.

hand post.

evaporated, however, when defender Ricardo Perez was ejec-

Zealand, Feh 3, (Reuter): Richard Hadles, an unexpected participant in this contest, today hoisted himself to within one wicket of hecoming the first bowler to capture 400 in Test

Needing four wickets to reach this milestone at the start on the second day of the first Test between New Zealand and India, at Lancaster Park, bis bome ground, Hadlee took two in his opening spell as India replied to towering New Zealand total of

Hadlee ousted W.V. Raman and Sanjay Manjrekar in his first and fourth overs and when he returned for a second spell, four overs from the end of the day, he trapped Indian captain Moham-med Azharuddin with his second

Two of Hadlee's victims were trapped leg before. Raman fell to a poor shot, played right across Azharuddin, who was in spar-

kling form and had scored 48 off only 44 balls, was undermined by a ball that cut back sharply.

Manjrekar was on the front foot when he was canght bat off pad by Jones off a Hadlee hall. The rest of the bowling presented no problems to the Indians although Sidhu, who remained unbesten with 27, could have been among the casualties had he not been dropped at second slip off Danny Morrison, Hadlee's new ball oartner.

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India, at the close, were 97 for three in reply the New Zealand total of 459. They still needed 163 runs to avoid the follow on.

The main contributor to this massive score was New Zealand's left-handed captain, John Wright, who made his highest Test score of 185, baving hatted for 554 minutes and hit 23 fours. Wright and Mark Greatbatch, the only batsman out in the mor-

record for new Zealand's fourth wicket against India. Ken Rutherford took a hand in assaulting a tired Indian attack towards the end of the innings and made 69. Joining him in the assault. Hadlee scored a quick

ning session, shared a 125-run

stand, which established a new

Score poard NEW ZEALAND first innings

M Greatbatch b Wasson ...

## A. Jones c Venkalapathy Raju b Hirwani ..... T. Franklin c Prabhakar D J. Wright b Venkatapathy K Rutherlard & Kapil Dev J. Bracewell o Hirwan. I Smith Ibw V Venkatapathy



## Larkins hits century as England prosper

BASSETERRE, St Kitts. Feb 3. (Reuter): Wayne Larkins gave England's cricket tour of the Caribbean the best possible start with a superb 107 to help his side to 244 for two at the close of the first day of the four-day match against the Leeward Islands yes-

Larkins' century was the first first-elass bundred by an England player in the Caribbean since David Gower's 154 not out in the Jamaica Test of the 1980-1

Larkins was given excellent support by skipper Graham Gooch, who made 46 in a firstwicket stand of 96, and Alec Stewart, with whom be shared a second-wieker partnership of

Larkins took 33 minutes to get off the mark and did not hit the first of his 12 boundaries until the 15th over when be struck Hamish Anthony for three fours in four balls.

After reaching his 50 in the 46th over, Larkins was fortunate to survive when Eldine Baptiste got his right hand to a return catch but could not hold on.

That was the only chance Larkins gave in a dominant display on a perfect batting wicket. He reached his century from 220 balls but after 320 minutes at the wieket be played a rather tired-looking drive and gave Keith Arthurton a simple caught

Gooch, bappy to have first use of an easy-paced wieker that blunted the Leewards' pace attack, batted for 40 overs before he edged an outswinger from Winston Benjamin to wicketkeeper Livingstone Harris. Benjamin, struek for four

fours by Gooch in his seven-over opening spell, had a sore right knee and was some way below his quickest,

Stewart, dropped when he had made 23, made the most of his good fortune to reach 55 not out off 188 balls.

England team manager Micky Stewart said: "The pitch was slow but it was gratifying that three of our batsmen got runs so early in the tour. Scoreboard

ENGLANO lirst innings
G Gooch c Harris b W Benjamin 46
W, Larkins e and b Arthurton 107 A. Stewart not out R.Smilh not out Extras (b-1 lb-4 w-4 nb-4) 244

Total (for two wickels) Fall of wickers: 1-96 2-220 To pat R. Bailey, N. Hussain, J. Russell, P. DeFreitas, K. Medlychtt, G. Small, O Malcolm Bowling to date W. Benjamin 21-3-

62-1, K. Benjamin 6-4-4-0, Anthony 15-4-50-0, Baptiste 22-6-51-0, Guishard 28-7-58-0, Annunnn 7-3-14-1 LEEWARO ISLANOS — S. Williams R Basseu, R. Richardson (captain) K. Arthurton, R. Otto, H. Anthony, E Baplista, L. Harris, N. Guishard, W. Benjamin, K. Banjamin.

gerous driving. The Fisa statement made it elear Senna will not get his licence unless he meets the conditions. It said McLaren would be authorised to run two cars in Grands Prix, one driven by Austrian Gerhard Berger and the second to be designated.

The statement said: "The driver Ayron Senna has paid the \$100,000 fine imposed by the International Appeal Tribunal of FIA (the International Automobile Federation) for the faults committed at the 1989

Japanese Grand Prix. The team Honda Marlboro McLaren has expressed its excuses for the delay resulting from this situation. In consequence Fisa has accepted the engagement of two cars by the Honda Marihoro McLaren team, one with the driver G. Berger and a second with a driver to

designated." A spokesman for McLaren said: "We are obviously very pleased to be in the championship and that all the speculation has come to an end.

Fisa accepted 35 cars and 19 teams in the world championship as follows:

Brahham (two cars); Larrousse (2); Onyx (2): Coloni (1); Tyrrell ); Eurohrun (2); Osella (1); AGS (2); Minardi (2); Scuderia Italia (2); Williams (2); Arrows (2); March (2); Life Racing (1); Lotus (2); Benetton (2); MeLaren (2); Ligier (2).

Interviewed on the private French television channel La Cinq, Balestre said Senna had gone halfway down the road to participating in the 1990 world championship hypaying the fine.
"I helieve after paying a \$100,000 fine, one can say that he

has not spent the money in order not to participate in the championship this year," Balestre said. "He has gone halfway."

## Foster wins star-studded 55m hurdles

## Coghlan fifth in Wanamaker Mile

NEW YORK, Feb 3, (Reuter): Greg Foster surged to victory in a star-studded 55-metre hurdles race, while double Olympie champion Eeb 3, (Reuter): Jackie Joyner-Kersee settled for second in the women's hurdles at the Millrose Games in the same passed for the same passed for the same passed another, in the same passed for the same passed

Foster, who barely qualified for one of the six lanes in the final, picked up speed from the third hurdle and won going away in 7.01 seconds ahead of fellow Americans Jack Pierce and Tonie Campbell, who elocked 7.13 and 7:16, respectively.

Joyner-Kersee, the Olympic and world

champion in the long jump and heptathlon, clocked 7.47 seconds in the women's 55-metre hurdles to finish behind fellow American Lavonna Martin, who won in 7.41.

Foster, who holds the world indoor best

over 60 metres, squeezed into the final hy beating countryman Arthur Blake into third place m his heat hy one-hundredth with a time The 18-man field for the race featured seven of the world's top-10 in the event including Roger Kingdom and Renaldo Nehemiah.

.. Kingdom, the two-time Olympic champion and outdoor world record holder, showed the effects of a bout with the flu. He failed to reach the final after clocking 7.23 in his heat.

Nehemiah, the former world record holder, tripped over the first hurdle in the final and went sprawling.

'I'm stronger than ever, without a doubt, said Foster, who has hattled back to form after twice hreaking a bone in his left forearm. "I'm in the weight room every day and I think

it's helping me."
The powerful hurdler said he was "very. very pleased with what my doctors have done, and made his aims clear.

Vicini curses his

STOCKHOLM, Feb 3, (Reuter): Italian national soccer

coach Azeglio Vicini was yesterday left cursing his luck but hoping for revenge after the World Cup hosts were given

the toughest of all seven groups in the qualifying draw for

ne 1992 European Championship.
Vicini, whose promising young side were beaten 2-0 by
he Soviet Union in the semilinals of the 1988 tournament

in West Germany, was faced again with the prospect of two tough meetings with them, Hungary, Norway and Cyprus

Defending champions the Netherlands, who beat the Soviet Union 2-0 in the final, were handed an easy-lnoking

it does give us a chance to avenge Stuttgart."



Fosterwants to be No 1

oal is to be ranked number one in the world," said the sixth-ranked Foster. Joyner-Kersee, not bothered by her result, said she was pacing herself to peak for the outdoor season.

"I'm not disappointed, it's long season," said Joyner-Kersee, who was outkicked at the end. "Last year I ran fast early I want to be

they are satisfied with us

luck after draw

Former Dutch coach Rinus Michels, who guided them

to their 1988 triumph in Munich where they beat the Soviet Union to claim their first international trophy, said: "We

are satisfied with the opponents in our group and hope

Dutch coach Thijs Libregts, speaking from a Rotterdam hospital where he was just had a herma operation, said: "When I look at group Five, which includes both Germanies and Belgium, I see I've nothing to complain about.

"It looks like Portugal will be our biggest rival while

Greece and Finland are teams, who can pinch points from

the teams regarded as the strongest."

The Soviet Union, unseeded for the draw in Stock-

ready for June and July." She said she had been concentrating more this year on the hepathloo hut predicted faster times in the hurdles.

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INDIA first innings
W. Raman Ibw bowled Hadlee.......0

M. Azharuddin İbw b Hadiee .... ...48

hakar, Kapil Oev, K More, N. Hirwani,

Fall of wickets: 1-02-273-88 Bowling: Hadlee 8-1-19-3, Morr-ison 6-0-44-0, Bracewell, 3-0-14-0, Snedden 5-1-12-0.

N. Sidhu not out...... S. Manjrekar e Jones b

A Wasson.

"I feel I'm much faster than what I ran tonight. I think I can run 7:35 or better," she said with an eye toward improving her world best of 7.37. In another women's upset, American Joeta

Clark won the 800 metres over East Germans Christine Waebtel and Sigrun Wodars. Clark was timed in 2:02.16, with Olympic silver medallist Wachtel second in 2:02.79 and Olypmic ebampion Wodars third in 2:03.37.
Marcus O'Sullivan ruined the surprise

return of fellow-Irishman Eamonn Coghlan to the featured Wanamaker Mile race by taking charge over the last half to win in 3:59.35. Olympic 1,500-metre bronze medallist Jen-

Peter Herold of East Germany was second in Coghlan, 37, whose seven victories in this race helped earn him the nickname of 'Chair-

man of the boards,' was in the hunt until the last lap when he fell back to finish fifth in "I just didn't have the zip I used to have in my legs that last lap," said Coghlan, who is making a comeback after a two-year lay off.

The women's mile proved to be a Romanian romp as Doina Melinte, Viorica Chican and Margareta Keszeg finished one-twothree with indoor record holder Melinte win ning in a sluggish 4:31.40.

The most exciting finish of the 83rd annual games at Madison Square Garden came in the 600 yards when Butch Reynolds, the 400 meters world record holder, leanned past fellow-American Danny Harris at the tape to win in 1:09.22.

#### Dress rehearsals

STOCKHOLM, Feb (Reuter): European champions the Netherlands have agreed to join Italy, Denmark and Sweden in a friendly tournament next year which will serve as a dress rehearsal for the 1992 European championship, a Swedish official said yesterday.

Swedish soccer federation chairman Lennart Johansson said the Dutch had given a verbal promise to replace West Germany in the tournament to be played between June 13 and 16 1991.

Steve Backley, world number onelast year, reserved his best for

last to win the men's javelin with

a Communwealth record 86.02

Grand Prix and World Cup titles

during a magnificent 1989

season, sent the javelin soaring

84.90 metres with his first throw.

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The Englishman, who won the

## 700 Japanese fans

Tysoo sparred for four rounds in front of a sell-out audieoce of 700 today hut most of the Japanese fans were unhappy with the champion's performance.

"I came here to see Tyson's iron punch not ducking nor clinching."
The 23-year-old champion was tottered when he received a powerful left hook from former world heavyweight champion Greg Page in the starting round. Tyson had Page replaced by another sparring partner from the second round.

One member of the audience screamed after the first round: "Wake up,

champ. You're strong. Wake up."
Throughout the sparring session, Tyson seemed to be concentrating on ducking and avoiding punches rather than hitting his opponent.

His chief trainer, Aaron Snowell, told reporters after the session:

Tyson spent half an hour more in the ring after the sparring match to check on details with two trainers. He shook his head many times. James 'Buster' Douglas, Tyson's 10th challenger, received more praise

when he cornered his three different sparring partners with strong attacks, led by sharp left jabs. "As far as today's sparrings are concerned, it is obvious who's going to win the match," another member of the audience said. "Tyson will sink."

January 16 despite his comment on arriving that he was in top condition.

Tyson was knocked down once last Wednesday during practice in what

## Tyson disappoints

TOKYO, Feh 3, (Reuter): World heavyweight hoxing champion Mike

"I was very disappointed with Tyson," said a Tokyo high-school student, who paid 5.000 yen (\$35) and spent two hours riding in a train to get to the session. "I know this is a part of practice but it felt like I wasted

"We'll have to do something more on technical points and Mike has to punch more often.... hut Tyson is in good shape both physically and

Tyson has not seemed ready for the fight since he came to Japan on

his trainers called a slip. He was also reported to have a weight problem.

The 29-year-old challenger earlier said of the knockdown that it was not a big deal. But he added: "You'll see a repeat of that."

Snowell said Tyson was prepared. "The important thing is determina-

tion to fight and he's got that all the time," he said.

#### passage to the finals. They will meet Portugal, Greece, Finland and Malta—none of which have qualified for this year's World Cup finals—in Group six. ohn's city hall, were less pleased with the draw. Biatcheslav Koloskov, president of the Soviet Socce Vicini said: "It is a very difficult group. It is no secret that the Soviet Union were the team to avoid in this draw—but Federation, said: "Of course we are worried, but it is highly motivating for us to play in a group with two very good

## Walker's medal hopes end in fall Elliott wins first major championship

AUCKLAND, Feh 3, (Reuter): Peter Elliott won his first major race today when he ran away with the Commonwealth Games 1,500 metres title.

The 1988 Olympic silver medallist has run in the shadow of his great contemporaries Seb Coe and Steve Cram since finishing fourth in the 1983 World Championship 800 metres.

This time, with both Cram and Coe absent, Elliott took on the Kenyans and won resoundingly in three minutes 33.39 seconds. The race was unhappily marred by a fall on the second lan

involving veteran New Zealander John Walker. The former Olympic cham-pion, now 38, clashed with Australian Pat Scammell and both men tumbled to the track, eoding

any medal chance they had. Soon after crossing the line, Elliott asked Walker to join him on a victory lap. The pair jogged around the track to appreciative applause from the capacity

35,000 crowd. "I heard yesterday that Scammell was notorious for hringing people down," Elliott said. "Then I looked around and Walker was down."

Walker, running in his last



Scammell, who had a spire

mark on his left shin said he dio not know what had happened. Kenya's William Tanui made the early pace, with Elliott

strong field. Elliott took the field through



their victory lap after winning the Games gold. (Reuter wirephoto)

the bell and started to push the pace with 300 metres to run.

Marios Hadjiandreou became the first Cypriot to win a Commonwealth athletics gold when he upset English favourite Jon-

Peter O'Donoghue finished while Edwards, who had three strongly in third place with no-jumps, finished second with

Sally Gunnell, the 400 metres hurdles gold medallist, ran a splendid third leg 10 set England up for the women's 4 x 400 metres relay gold.

Kenya made no contest of the men's 4 x 400, winning hy more than two seconds from Scotland. Standings

Final Commonwealth Games medals tableafter today's 10th day of competition (tabulate under gold, silver, bronze): He fouled once but each of his five valid throws were in excess of Australia 47 35 17 13 England Compatriot Michael Hill was second with 83.32 and New New Zealand Zealand's Gavin Lovegrove India Wales

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## Title fight

WBA middleweight champion Mike McCallum (left) who weighed in at 159 lbs, applauds his opponent, trishman Steve Collens as he weighed in at 160 lbs on Saturday evening. Both were to fight for the world title early this morning at Hynes Convention Centre. [Reuter wirBphoto]

## Bradley takes 7-shot lead

LAKE WORTH, Fla., Feb 3. (Reuter): Pat Bradley made a strong bid to win her 24th career LPGA tournament by jumping to a seven-stoke lead over Kim Bauer after two rounds of the \$300,000 Lake Worth Classic golf tournament yesterday.

Bradley, who has 23 LPGA victories, carded a seven-under-par 65 on the 6,215-yard Wycliffe Golf and Country Club. She scored her consecutive bogeyless round and had seven birdies. 'Again, I think the key was that I had no bogeys in my round,"

Bradley said. "I hit all of the greens and made a lot of good putts." Bauer, whose career-best finish is a tie for 13th, tied her career-low round of 68 and has positioned herself in solo second place behind

## mers. Piontek aims to guit as coach

STOCKHOLM, Feb 3, (Reuter): Denmark's national soccer coach Sepp Piontek, embittered by unlavourable Danish media reports, said yesterday he would resign when his contract expired in mid-June. Piontek, in Stockbolm for the

qualifying draw for the 1992 European Soccer Championship,

told reporters: "I resign. I am being portrayed as a crook. Enough is

Pinntek, who had been negotiating a new four-year contract with the Danish Football Association, denied press suggestions of tax evasion and reports of unreasonable salary

He said I received a call at midnight from a newspaper which wan-led to know if I was hiding sway money abroad. That was the final straw. I have always paid my tax in



England's 4 x 100 relay IBBm bow to Britain's Queen Elizabeth during

stopped, Scammell decks people regularly."

always near the front of the 12-

In the back straight Wilfred

mate Tanui hut he could make no impression on the aggressive Elliott who won hy 10 metres. Kirochi clocked 3:34.41 for second place and New Zealand's

Kirochi took over from his team-

came here to get the gold medal and it was great doing it. 'It's along way from home but it feels like England."

series ever," Backley said.

"It was just about my best

"My best throws were in the

first and last rounds again. I

athan Edwards in the triple Hadjiandreou cleared 16.95

SPORTS BRIEFS

East Germany's sports community, worried that political change could reduce its athletic prowess to mediocrity, staged rallies today to protest against severe cutbacks in its

NEW YORK, Feb 3. (Reuterk Results of National Basketball

Association (NBA) games played

Miami 126 LA Clippers 91
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THE HAGUE, Feb 3, (Reuter):

Defending champions PSV. Eind-hoven, dogged by behind-the-scenes squabbles in recent weeks, suffered a crushing 3-1 at rivals Roda JC yester-

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, Feb 3, (AP): Rund Gullit, the top Dutch soccer player who led his nation to triumph in 1988's European Soccer

Championships, reportedly said it is:
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ALL Filipino darts enthusiasts are invited for a meeting on Thursday, February 8, 1990, at 6:00 pm at the

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PEBBLE BEACH, Calif., Feb 3,

(Reuter): Payne Stewart birdied his final hole allowing him to hold onto

share with Bob Gilder and Rocco

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# City hold United to 1-1 draw Liverpool move clear

LONDON, Feb 3, (Reuter): Liverpool beat city rivals Everton 2-1 to go three points clear at the top of the English First Division today as beavy rain in southern England washed out many of the League's top soccer

In the day's other major derby - the 100th between the two teams in their First Division history - Manchester United stretched their depressing League run to 11 games without a win, struggling to a I-1 draw at home to

Manchester City. Aston Villa, behind Liverpool on goal difference with 46 points before today, had their match at Queen's Park Rangers rained off but stayed second with two games in hand.

Champions Arsenal had their match at bottom-placed Charl-ton called off but kept their third place with 42 points. The two other First Division casualties were fifth-placed Southampton against Derby and Wimhledon against Luton.
Nottingham Forest strength-

ened their bold on fourth place by beating Crystal Palace 3-1 but Chelsea were dealt a body-blow at Coventry, losing 3-2 though they remained sixth in the table. Tottenham play eighth-placed Norwich at home tomorrow.

While the downpour in the south dampened Villa's hopes, the sun in the north helped Liverpool to their 14th consecutive game without defeat and a derby double over their neighbours. Everton goalkeeper Neville

Southall was dazzled by the light and was unable to get to a ball lofted in from the right hy Barry Venison, allowing England striker John Barnes to hit Liver-pool's first goal in the 10th min-

Everton, with five midfielders and four defenders, found they could do little to keep out a deter-



Peter Beardsiey

mined Liverpool and went 2-0 down in the 30th minute when centre half Dave Watson handled a cross from England striker Peter Beardsley in the area. Beardsley calmly beat South-

all with the low-hit penalty.

A headed goal by Scottish international striker Graeme Sharp in the 44th minute renewed Everton's hopes of avenging their 3-1 defeat at Goodison Park last year but it was not to be.

Manchester United, thrashed 5-1 by City last September, had a chance of revenge — and to relieve the pressure on beleaguered manager Alex Ferguson — when Clayton Blackmore put them ahead in the 70th minute. But their joy was short

Ian Brightwell equalised for City three minutes later to revive the visitors' hopes of their first derby double win in 20 seasons and their first away win in the First Division since 1986.

City had come under intense early pressure and United were unlucky to go ahead after 25 seconds when Welsh striker Mark Hughes went clear in the box but screwed his shot wide.

The draw spared Ferguson the embarrassment of watching his team slide into the relegation zone for the first time since he took over at the cluh three years

Coventry made few mistakes against Chelsea, going one ahead after 27 seconds and two up within three minutes. Goalkeeper Steve Orizovic belted the ball up the pitch and forward Steve Livingstone sped

in for the first. The second was an own goal off defender Kevin McAllister. Chelsea scored through England full-back Tony Dorigo in the 37th minute but two minutes later lost midfielder Alan

off with a knee injury. Striker Kerry Dixon equalised in the 48th minute hut veteran Coventry player Cyrille Regis made it 3-2 in the 70th.

Dickens who had to be carried

Four-team tournament

Uruguay's Hugo de Leon (right) has his soccer ball stolan from him by Columbia's Luis Fernando Harrara during a four-team soccer tournament match at the Orange Bowl, Mismi, on Friday. (Reuter wirephoto) See

## Evergreen blast CCK

SPLENDID batting by Badar and a five-pronged spin attack helped Evergreen Cricketers, led by Asad Baig, register an easy 101-run viotory over Cricket Cluh of Kuwait (CCK) in an 'A' Division League match at EPI Ground on Friday morning.

After winning toss and opting to bat, Evergreen opened the innings through in-form Badar Munir and Waqar Zaidi. The latter was bowled by a ball which drastically

kept low with the total just 18. Bearded Qayyum Majeed joined Badar, who was simply unstoppahie, and both kept the score moving well over seven runs per over. CCK's captain Riffat tried nine bowlers to break the partnership hut the pair continued their onslaught till the penultimate over when Siraj held Badar at midwicket boundary off Riffat.

Badar's marvellous innings of 130 contained four towering sixes and 12 excellently executed boundaries. It is worth mentioning that it was second century for him at EPI. In the 26th and last over Qayyum who played second fiddle to his partner completed his well-deserved half century and took Evergreen past the 200 mark. His 53 came with the help of four hits to the fence. For CCK, Faisal and Riffat took a wicket each as Evergreen reached 201 for just two

Needing 7.77 per over, CCK were bundled out for only 100 runs in the 21st over. Faisal (24), Ali Rizvi Abu Bhai (18) and Riffat (17) were the main contributors.

For Evergreen, five-spinners shared nine wickets among them. Mansoor Zaheer returned the best figures of three for 24 while Riaz Chaudhry and Asad Baig took two wickets each after giving away 15 and 11 runs respectively. Arshed Pindiwal, Shehzad and Qayyum Majeed picked a wicket each.

gles ruhber to Slobodan Zivojin-

■ In Perth, Australia's decision

to gamble on Pat Cash's fitness

for their Davis Cup world group

first round tennis clash with France paid off when be helped

the bome side to a vital 2-1 lead in

the tie today.
Former Wimhledon cham-

pion Cash, still in the early stages of his comeback after rupturing

an achilles tendon in Japan last April, teamed up with John Fitz-gerald to beat France's Yannick Noah and Guy Forget 7-6 (8-6)

Cash looked sharp and motivated as he and Fitzgerald

Noah to take a stranglehold on a

match played in temperatures of 34 degrees Celsius (93.2 Fahren-

Noah, who denied afterwards

that he was tired despite his five

set match against Wally Masur the previous day, had his service

broken in the first set tie-break

and was promptly broken again

in the opening game of the

gerald dominating the net,

served out the remainder of the

set and the pattern repeated in

the third set when Noah was

broken again to give the home

Noah and Forget were again unable to claw their way back

and Cash and Fitzgerald claimed

victory in two hours and ten min-

The Australian pair, with Fitz-

second set.

side a 2-1 lead.

6-46-4 in the doubles.

ovic 5-77-6 (9-7) 5-7.

## Badar helps | England, Scotland outplay opponents

PARIS, Feh 3, (Reuter): England handed France their heaviest ever defeat at the Parc des Princes as they humiliated the home side 26-7 in their Five Nations Rughy Union Championship match today.

Tries from wing Rory Underwood and centres Jeremy Guscott and Will Carling along with some solid kicking from full-back Simon Hodgkinson, who slotted over four penalties and one conversions, kept England on course for the title.

England head the Five Nations table with four points after beating Ireland 23-0 at Twickenham two weeks ago.

Champions France, who failed to score against England in an 11-0 defeat at Twickenham last season, came out of the first half without a point as well, trailing 13-0 at the interval.

But fleet-footed wing Patrice Lagisquet saved them from total embarrassment with a try 13 minutes from time after Denis Charvet had opened their account with a penalty.

It was a thoroughly miserable afternoon for the French, who fared far worse with gusting winds and heavy drizzle than the English, the last visiting team to in the ch

back in 1982. From the kick-off the French must have felt something like the advertising hoardings on the touchlines, which one hy one collap-

sed after an unequal struggle

with the swirling wind. The contest on the pitch itself was almost as one-sided with France never approaching their imperial best and totally devoid of their normal air of invincibility at the Parc.

(halftime 0-7) in a Five Nations Rnghy Union championship match at Landsdowne Road Scorers: Ireland — try: John

■ Scotland beat Ireland 13-10

Fitzgerald. Penalties: Michael Kiernan 2. Scotland-tries: Derek White 2. Conversion: Craig Chalmers.

Penalty: Chalmers. Standings (tabulate under played, won, drawn, lost, points for, against, total points)

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Match abandoned SYDNEY, Feb 3, (Reuter): The first day of play in the third and fund cricket Test between Australia and Pakistan has been officially abandoned by the match England v Wales, Scotland v umpires due to beavy rain today.



match with Akiko. (Reuter wirepholo)

## Graf outlasts Maleeva

## Sanchez tames Akiko

Kuwait beat Syria in Davis Cup tie

KUWAIT took an unbeatable

3-0 lead in their Asia/Oceania

Zone, Group Two, first round

Davis Cup tennis tie with a dou-

bles vietory over the visiting

Syrians at the Kuwait Tennis

Club, vesterday,

result of the tie.

match.

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Federation courts, Yarmouk

Kuwait's Khaled Ashkanani

and Aiman Ashwak beat

Dawood Dudian and Aneez

Hafiz 6-4 6-4 6-1 to make this

afternoon's reverse singles into only symbolic matches, having no outcome now on the overail

The Kuwaitis had been given a

great start on Friday by Khalid Ashkanani and Khalid Hassan

Rashid, who won the first two

singles matches.
Yesterday, the doubles match
started with the Syrians deter-

mined to put up a fight and get back into the tie. For the first two

sets, Ashkanani and Aswak were

stretched to the maximum hut

In the third set, the Syrians lost

all heart and they were swept aside by the Kuwaitis, who con-

ceded only one game to win the

This afternoon, Aiman Aswak

will be in action again as he takes

on Dudian in the reverse singles

while Tariq Hadeed faces Samir

Zealand, Kelly Evernden rallied

from one set down in the first

reverse singles to seal the Davis

Cup World Group first round

tennis tie for New Zealand

Christchurch, New

they held on to win both.

TOKYO, Feh 3, (UPI): World No. 1 ranked Steffi Graf and fifth-ranked Arantxa Sanchez will meet tomorrow in the finals of the \$350,000 Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament. It will be the second meeting between the two since

the 18-year-old Spaniard Sanchez stunned the 20year-old West German in the finals of the 1989 French Open 7-6 (8-6), 3-6. 7-5. Top-seeded Graf held off a determined No. 3 seed

Manuela Maleeva 6-4, 6-4 in the semifinals today and No. 2 Sanchez topped hometown favourite Akiko Kijimta 6-4, 6-2 on the indoor artificial surface at Yoyogi gymnasium. Maleeva, who is Bulgarian born but recently

became a citizen of Switzerland, pressured Graf at every opportunity. However, she failed to return Graf's rocket serve when it counted most.

world. "I was mishitting her serve or returning it into the net. I had many hreak points but I never managed to break ber."
With Maleeva holding a 3-2 lead and Graf serving, Maleeva went ahead double break point, but

"The only thing I didn't do well was return her serve," said Malceva, who is ranked eighth in the failed to capitalise on the lead.

Graf nailed a pair of service winners to send the game to deuce and eventually won.

Later, with Graf leading 5-4 and serving for the

first set, Maleeva again was up double-break point, but could not finish off the West German. Graf said her own poor forehand service return helped her opponent. "I wasn't returning her second

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serve very well," said Graf, who is now 11-0 against Maleeva. "I can usually return it for some winners, hut I was missing quite a few."

Graf said after her quarterfinal match that she expected a tough match from Maleeva and she

wasn't disappointed. Maleeva, who has only recently been attacking the net and playing less defensively, ran down almost everything and came up with some big shots

when she needed them. But when Graf fell behind, she turned to her powerful and consistent first serve to keep her in the

"Sometimes I was just trying to do too much," Graf said. "She likes to play somebody who plays fast and this surface suits her as well as me."

against Yugoslavia today.

The New Zealand number

one, trailing two sets to one, rejuvenated to play sparkling tennis after the 10-minute break

between sets to beat a spirited

Goran Prpic 6-0 2-6 6-7 (1-7) 6-3

New Zealand beld a 2-1 advan-

tage going into today's play and

Evernden was quick to put the

pressure on a tentative Prpic to

win the first set 6-0 in 23 minutes.

The quickly improving Proic shattered Evernden's confidence

to win the second set 6-2 with

faultless returns of service and

clever all-round court play.
The third set was decided by a

tiebreak, with Evernden never in

Urging on by a near capacity crowd. Evernden produced his brilliant best in the final two sets.

Covering the court with amaz-ing speed in 35 degrees Celsius (95 Fahrenheit) beat, Evernden

pressured Prpic whenever possi-ble from the net to gain the

initiative to close out the final

two sets 6-3 6-2 in the three bour

"ht's my most satisfying Davis Cup week," an ecstatic Evernden

"It's the first time as a team

we've advanced into the second

round of the World Group since

I've been playing."
Generous in defeat, Prpic said

"He came back unbelievably,"

Brett Steven lost the fifth sin-

Evernden was just too good.

23 minute rubber.

said afterwards.

Prpic said.

contention going down 7-1.

6-2 for an unassailable 3-1 lead.



Narendra wins Dunhill tourney

Tha 17-week annual Dunhill Bridga Tournament for the 1989/90 season held at Kuwait's Messilah Beach Hotel ended on Monday, January 28.

Results of the bridga gama were as lollows: N/S: First: Sabri & Dr Saad; Second; Sapre & Chandra-shekar, Third: Carsten & Drexler, E/W: First: Dr Adel & Sherin; Second: Ikramulhaqua & Nissar; Third: Baz &

Narendra Shah won tha prestigious Dunhill Trophy with a miximum score of 142 points, Dr Adel Bayoumi & Sherin Basyouni shared the second prize with a score of 138 points each. Mrs Jaya Sapre stood thrid with a score of 128

points and D. Mukherjee finished lourth with 125 points. All the winners were presented with prizes from Dunhill, the sponsors of this fournament.

Prizes were also awarded to regular bridge players who participated for all the 17 weeks A lucky draw was hald for those present at the prize

Prizes were distributed by Ms Jane Thomas & Joseph Mathework behalf of Dunhil. The tournament was directed by R.R.Sapre. Above: all the winners with tournament

#### 'Some players go unpunished for swearing took advantage of a sluggish

TORONTO, Feb 3, (Reuter):
Admitting he is to blame for his
expulsion from the Australian Open,
John McEuroe said some foreignspeaking tennis players get away with
swearing on court because they don't
do it in English

Two weeks ago, McEnroe earned his first tournament ejection and became the first player in 22 years to get kicked out of a Grand Slam event. After a warning for intimidating a lineswoman and a point penalty for racket abuse, McEnroe was ousted from his fourth-round match against Sweden's Miksel Pernfors for uttering a four-letter word at the match

supervisor.

The 30-year-old New Yorker was fined \$5,000 for swearing, \$500 for racket abuse and \$1,000 for the default. Under new Association of Tennis Professional (ATP) rules any player who amasses \$7,500 in lines within 12 months is banned from the next grand slam event. McEnroe's tally so far is \$6,500, but he is considering appealing.

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Ashwak (extreme right) and Ashkanani (2nd right) with the Syrian team

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An action shot of the match

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